

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT



CHELMSFORD 1992

IN MEMORIAM

RAYMOND DAY

Civil Defense Committee
Town Celebrations Committee

DONALD E. SMITH

Board of Selectmen

Front Cover:

*Daisy Troop 691 bringing plants to the Veterans' Park, Monday, June 8, 1992.
Before placing the plants, they had their opening ceremonies. Here they're Pledging
Allegiance to the flag. Lou Higson, leader; Amrita Masurkar, Sara Gearin, Brittney
Troxel, Pat Betchley, leader; Therese Bergazzi, Lucinda Betchley, Christine Sapienza.
(Photo by Ann Ringwood, Chief of Photography, Beacon Communications)*

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Town of Chelmsford

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,

1992

GENERAL INFORMATION

Incorporated	May, 1655
Type of Government.....	Town Meeting
Location	Eastern Massachusetts, bordered by Lowell and Tyngsboro on the North, Billerica on the East, Carlisle on the South, and Westford on the West. It is 24 miles from Boston, 40 miles from Worcester, and 225 miles from New York City.
County	Middlesex
Land Area.....	22.54 Square Miles
Population 1992	32,383
Assessed Valuation Rate for 1992	\$2,137,354,227 (Real Estate)
	\$45,506,133 (Personal Property)
Tax Rate.....	Flat Rate \$14.54
	(\$14.30 Residential - \$15.26 Commercial)
United States Senators in Congress:	
5th Congressional District	Martin Meehan, Lowell, MA
State Senator	Lucile C. Hicks, Wayland, MA
Representative in General Court	
16th Middlesex District	Carol C. Cleven, Chelmsford, MA
Accounting Department	Monday thru Friday8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Assessors Office	Monday*8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
	Tuesday thru Friday8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Board of Health	Monday thru Friday8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Building Department	Monday*8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
	Tuesday thru Friday8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Highway Department	
Office.....	Monday thru Friday8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Garage	Monday thru Friday7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Public Libraries	
Adams Library.....	Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
	Thursday1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
	Friday & Saturday9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Children's House	Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
	Thursday - Closed
	Friday & Saturday9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
McKay Library	Monday & Wednesday1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
	Tuesday.....1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
	Thursday, Friday & Saturday9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
School Superintendent	Monday thru Friday8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Town Manager's Office	Monday*8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
	Tuesday thru Friday8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Town Clerk	Monday*8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
	Tuesday thru Friday8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tax Collector & Treasurer	Monday*8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
	Tuesday thru Friday8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Veterans' Agent.....	Monday thru Friday8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

*(Except June, July & August)

MEETINGS

Annual Election	First Tuesday in April	9 Precincts
Annual Town Meeting	Last Monday in April	McCarthy Middle School
Selectmen	7:00 p.m. - Every other Monday	Town Offices
School Committee	7:30 p.m. - Every other Tuesday	Parker School
Planning Board	7:30 p.m. - 2nd & 4th Wednesday	Town Offices
Appeals Board	7:30 p.m. - 4th Thursday	Town Offices
Conservation Commission	8:00 p.m. - 1st & 3rd Tuesday	Town Offices
Board of Health	7:00 p.m. - 1st Tuesday of Month	Town Offices
Housing Authority	7:30 p.m. - 1st Tuesday of Month	10 Wilson Street

BOARD OF SELECTMEN



*(Front row l-r) William R. Logan, Chairman; Richard E. DeFreitas, Vice Chairman
(Back row l-r) Roger A. Blomgren, Jeffrey A. Brem and Peter V. Lawlor, Clerk*

For the second consecutive year, the Board of Selectmen reluctantly said goodbye to two veteran Selectmen, Dennis J. Ready and Henrick R. Johnson, Jr. Both Dennis and Rhodes have served this community proudly for many years and the contributions to our Town are recognized and appreciated. The three remaining members welcomed new members Peter V. Lawlor and Jeffrey A. Brem, elected in the Town Election on April 5, 1992, a race in which there were eight candidates for the two vacant seats.

The Board reorganized after the Election and elected William R. Logan Chairman, Richard E. DeFreitas Vice Chairman and Peter V. Lawlor Clerk. Jeffrey Brem and Roger Blomgren held the fourth and fifth seats.

The new Board announced early on its intention to be a very productive, accessible and vocal group with regards to issues affecting the short and long term goals of the Town. Work began on long term planning, participation in school reorganizational

needs, economic development and entrepreneurial activities, in addition to several other issues affecting the Town.

During 1992 the Board and the Town Manager attended regional and State meetings of the Massachusetts Municipal Association, the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association, the Northern Middlesex Council of Governments and the Middlesex County Advisory Board. Individual Selectmen also served as liaisons between the Board of Selectmen and various Town and regional boards and commissions during the year.

The Board also became involved in several issues being debated on the State and Federal level which would directly impact the Town both financially and structurally. Cooperation with Senator Hicks and Representative Clevin, along with Congressman Chester Atkins, enabled the Board to continue monitoring ongoing legislation.

We appreciate the support and assistance of our State and Federal legislators and look forward to further close ties with them. Together we cannot fail, divided we will not succeed.

On behalf of the residents of the Town of Chelmsford, the Board of Selectmen would like to thank those townspeople who offer their time and energy on the different elected and appointed boards. We would also like to recognize the efforts day in and day out of the employees throughout the Town – their work and dedication on behalf of Chelmsford and its citizens is second to none. Finally, many thanks to our helpful, patient and understanding staff of Judy Carter, Marian Currier, Mary Mahan and Jeanne Parziale who assist the Board in our official duties.

Respectfully submitted,

William R. Logan, Chairman
Richard E. DeFreitas, Vice Chairman
Peter V. Lawlor, Clerk
Jeffrey A. Brem
Roger A. Blomgren

TOWN MANAGER

A review of 1992 indicates the stabilization of Town Government after a period of financial turmoil caused by general economic conditions and substantial reductions of state aid to local governments. I believe the Town's relatively positive condition has resulted from often times painful actions taken over the past several years. Importantly, our now stabilized condition with the careful add back of certain Town services has positioned us for the future.

The FY93 Budget which was voted and began in 1992 provided for additional monies for schools and the public library. Other departments saw smaller increases or level funding. However, no department was required to cut off programs or services and no employees were laid off for strictly financial cutbacks. Further the Town through a vote of the citizenry made the decision to once again finance solid waste collection and disposal from tax dollars. This action eliminated the not always popular tag system of paying for trash collection.

In addition to painful program and service reductions over the past several years the Town's overall condition can be attributed to the hard work and diligence of municipal employees who have endeavored to continue to provide the best in municipal services.

Further we can look to a strategy of working smarter. In this vein we have been continually reorganizing and restructuring our departments and services for maximum cost and delivery effectiveness. To this end we have also been investing in our processes to improve our effectiveness. An example of this strategy in 1992 includes the restructuring of the Executive Office so as to improve responsiveness, personnel administration, procurement practices and strategic planning. Another example of this strategy has been the restructuring of Veterans' services on a regional basis thereby providing savings and long term improvement in delivery of these services. An example of the philosophy of investing to improve processes is our data processing efforts. In 1992 we installed a Novell Network in the Town Offices, hired a Data Processing Coordinator, developed a Request for Proposals for financial management software, and began to provide training for employees in areas of computerization including word processing, spreadsheets and electronic mail. A final example of working smarter are the changes in the Treasurer/Collector's Office by newly-hired Finance Director Charles Mansfield. These changes have focused upon streamlining collection procedures with the utilization of outside vendors, and automatic internal collection and financial management practices.

Another focus of 1992 was in the area of collective bargaining as all Town contracts expired on June 30, 1992. At the close of the year agreements had been reached with the following employee groups: Highway, Cemetery, Fire and Clerical. In each case important concessions were made through negotiations resulting in long term savings for the Town as important changes were made in longevity pay, sick leave buy back, holiday pay and management rights. The spirit of partnership in these efforts reflects the desire of Chelmsford's employees to work with management for improving the Town's financial condition.

The past year has also been extremely positive in terms of Chelmsford's economic development as many businesses both large and small have opted to move to, expand, or remain in Chelmsford. Sun Microsystems, Mercury Computer, Cadence and Waltham Technologies are major companies which have chosen to locate in Town filling vacant space and employing several thousand people who live, in will move to or simply spend money in the Town. Other notable investments include the Chelmsford Mall which announced two major tenants in F&M Distributors and MVP Sports; and the Eastgate Plaza which in 1993 will boast a new expanded Demoulas

Supermarket and a major retail tenant. In addition to these, other businesses have also chosen to invest in the Town. Numerous factors have contributed to these investments including availability of space and location, however, the Town has also aided this process through investments in infrastructure and in philosophy that reaches out to business to work in partnership.

As we look to 1993 we must build upon the progress that has been made over the past several years. To this end we must continue to work smarter and reorganize and restructure for quality services at minimum cost, and we must look to the future of the Town through strategic planning and investment. Major influences and opportunities of 1993 include school reform which is currently being considered by the state Legislature, and early retirement incentives to our employees which will assist our efforts to reduce costs and restructure. In short, much work and many challenges lie ahead for the Town administration and the Town's people. However, I am confident of our ability to do the work and meet the challenges.

As the year 1992 is put behind us I want to thank the many highly qualified and committed department heads and their employees, and the volunteers who give so much to the Town. I want to thank the outstanding individuals who worked in the Executive Officer over the past year including Judy Carter, Marian Currier, Jeannie Parziale, Mary Mahan and Elaine Casey. I also want to thank the Board of Selectmen for their support and direction over the past twelve months including Roger Blomgren, Bill Logan, Dick DeFreitas, Peter Lawlor and Jeff Brem as well as outgoing members Dennis Ready and Rhodes Johnson.

Finally, I want to thank the citizens of Chelmsford who continue to support the effort of the town administration to bring financial stability and quality to municipal government.

Sincerely,
Bernard F. Lynch
Town Manager

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Richard F. Burt, Jr.

Judith A. Olsson
Chairman

John F. Ketcham

Mary E. St.Hilaire
Ex Officio

Voting strength as of December 1992 Enrolled Voters:

VOTERS	PRECINCT									TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Total Democrats	579	558	581	640	601	691	598	576	493	5317
Total Republicans	435	275	319	291	417	441	400	359	403	3340
Total Unenrolled	1162	1100	1408	1224	1423	1351	1465	1284	1303	11720
Total New Alliance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Libertarian	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Total Ind. Hi Tech	6	7	8	9	11	15	4	5	3	68
Total Prohibition	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Green Party USA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Socialist	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Voters	2183	1940	2316	2164	2455	2498	2467	2224	2202	20449

TOWN CLERK

Mary E. St.Hilaire, CMC
Town Clerk

Elizabeth L. Delaney
Assistant Town Clerk

Sporting Licenses
1557

Dog Licenses
2900

Kennel Licenses
9

Recorded Mortgages
553

Births inc.
3408

Deaths
247

Marriages
250

Intentions
257

**WARRANT FOR
PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
MARCH 10, 1992**

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF CHELMSFORD

MIDDLESEX, SS.

Dennis J. Ready, Chairman
William R. Logan, Vice Chairman
Richard E. DeFreitas, Clerk
Henrick R. Johnson, Jr.
Roger A. Blomgren

To the Constable, or any other suitable person of the Town of Chelmsford:

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to vote at:

Precinct 1: Town Office Building Gymnasium
Precinct 2: Harrington Elementary School Gymnasium
Precinct 3: Harrington Elementary School Gymnasium
Precinct 4: Westlands School Cafeteria
Precinct 5: Byam School Cafeteria
Precinct 6: Westlands School Cafeteria
Precinct 7: McCarthy Middle School, Small Gymnasium
Precinct 8: McCarthy Middle School, Small Gymnasium
Precinct 9: Town Office Building Gymnasium

On Tuesday, the 10th day of March, 1992 at 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

To cast their votes to the Primary Officers for the election of candidates of political parties for the following office.:

Presidential Preference

District Members of State Committee (one man and one woman) for each Political Party for the 5th Middlesex Senatorial District;
35 Members of the Democratic Town Committee;
35 Members of the Republican Town Committee;
10 Members of the Independent Voters Party Town Committee.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 10th day of February, A.D. 1992.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ELECTION MARCH 10, 1992

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Pct 7	Pct 8	Pct 9	Total
Blanks	5	6	3	6	4	3	2	4	3	36
Ralph Nader	17	19	15	14	15	18	14	15	24	151
Lyndon H. LaRouche	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	4
Jerry Brown	76	68	68	46	62	58	70	84	53	585
Tom Harkin	2	2	1	2	2	3	0	0	1	13
Larry Agran	0	3	0	4	0	0	0	1	1	9
Paul Tsongas	448	497	503	516	519	528	533	499	442	4485
Eugene McCarthy	0	2	1	1	0	1	1	2	1	7
Bill Clinton	57	44	21	29	40	42	20	33	34	320
Robert Kerrey	4	2	4	4	0	1	1	4	3	23
No Preference	2	8	4	6	1	3	1	2	3	30
Mario Cuomo (write-in)	0	1	1	1	3	2	0	0	2	10
Write-in	1	2	3	2	2	3	2	0	1	16
Misc*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	613	655	624	632	648	662	644	642	569	5689

STATE COMMITTEE MAN 5th Mldsx.

Blanks	190	174	168	154	176	166	203	193	160	1584
Thomas J. Larkin	328	380	335	365	376	392	350	350	319	3195
Michael J. O'Halloran	91	99	117	110	94	103	90	94	90	888
Write-in	3	1	2	1	1	0	1	1	0	10
Misc*	1	1	2	2	1	1	0	4	0	12
TOTAL	613	655	624	632	648	662	644	642	569	5689

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN 5th Mldsx.

Blanks	223	215	204	192	201	215	242	225	187	1904
Lorraine Greiff	209	212	233	211	263	244	221	235	204	2032
Lynn W. O'Halloran	178	223	181	222	181	200	179	177	175	1716
Write-in	1	2	2	3	0	0	2	1	1	12
Misc*	2	3	4	4	3	3	0	4	2	25
TOTAL	613	655	624	632	648	662	644	642	569	5689

TOWN COMMITTEE

Blanks	13027	13258	12702	11859	13129	13502	12878	12776	11715	114846
Linda J. Allen	243	277	253	320	287	269	281	279	247	2456
Adrienne M. Jerome	230	269	263	275	262	250	261	273	223	2306
Richard J. Jerome	222	258	255	270	254	248	256	264	219	2246
Mary E. White	261	281	267	342	282	336	288	291	252	2600
Robert D. Marazzi	222	269	262	264	249	248	256	253	214	2237
Samuel Poulten	260	285	279	295	298	292	284	283	245	2521
Paul J. Cerqua	231	256	248	276	263	255	275	262	219	2285
Maureen M. Cossette	232	300	251	281	263	256	266	284	228	2361
Ann T. Chicklis	235	280	286	283	262	263	277	287	240	2413
Theodore C. Chicklis	226	267	267	275	258	255	265	268	228	2309
Stratos G. Dukakis	248	269	263	293	282	286	324	285	242	2492
Alexander W. Gervais	232	269	260	286	253	256	258	286	223	2323
Cheryl M. Warshafsky	249	276	255	304	291	288	274	282	240	2459
Barry Warshafsky	226	260	238	281	270	261	256	262	219	2273
Charles K. Spear	227	264	262	277	247	255	256	269	215	2272

	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Pct 7	Pct 8	Pct 9	Total
Roger G. Trudeau	237	272	241	276	256	263	264	282	223	2314
Irene J. Cetaruk	235	276	256	276	257	258	273	264	232	2327
Gail E. Poulten	240	285	252	278	281	272	272	264	228	2372
Dennis J. Ready	277	292	301	334	346	348	352	322	273	2845
Eleanor V. McLeman	226	299	236	270	252	248	253	247	223	2254
Marianne j. Paresky	239	270	268	294	277	283	279	281	236	2427
Paul F. Allen, Jr.	229	257	233	280	249	247	253	256	215	2219
Catherine R. Brown	236	259	247	283	285	259	272	262	235	2338
Grace M. Dunn	250	290	296	321	284	315	298	306	250	2610
Loretta A. Gelenian	229	311	244	276	261	254	265	261	223	2324
Yvette M. Lemire	228	267	243	290	255	256	264	265	221	2289
Bernice F. Poulten	228	268	240	276	267	260	260	250	220	2269
Christos Simorellis	246	277	278	294	300	283	288	295	249	2510
Jeannette S. Ralls	235	270	239	294	260	260	258	259	226	2301
James M. Harrington	270	279	275	318	291	298	295	291	245	2562
Louise P. Duhamel	228	258	238	280	252	254	254	249	223	2236
Judith A. Olsson	274	293	282	337	298	334	302	300	257	2677
Raymond P. McKeon	274	304	300	342	297	359	321	319	266	2782
John P. Emerson, Jr.	267	294	309	317	296	317	295	323	256	2674
Gail P. Langner	236	266	251	303	266	282	267	270	245	2386
Write-in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Misc*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	21455	22925	21840	22120	22680	23170	22540	22470	19915	199115

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ELECTION MARCH 10, 1992

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Pct 7	Pct 8	Pct 9	Total
Blanks	3	1	3	1	4	3	4	3	1	23
Patrick J. Buchanan	65	112	91	69	92	78	111	88	99	805
David Duke	2	0	1	3	2	4	5	3	2	22
George Bush	169	158	137	162	197	195	192	147	168	1525
No Preference	8	11	15	8	5	10	6	7	13	83
Write-in	2	10	3	5	12	11	6	2	5	56
Misc*	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
TOTAL	250	292	250	248	313	301	324	250	288	2516

STATE COMMITTEE MAN 5th Mdlsx.

Blanks	50	71	47	66	82	62	84	67	60	589
Paul F.X. Powers	104	136	88	95	97	105	97	82	93	897
John R. Caswell	96	83	115	87	131	131	140	98	134	1015
Write-in	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	7
Misc*	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	2	0	8
TOTAL	250	292	250	248	313	301	324	250	288	2516

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN 5th Mdlsx.

Blanks	84	101	80	94	122	98	134	95	99	907
Joyce Kidd	163	187	169	149	186	200	184	152	187	1577
Write-in	2	2	1	3	0	0	6	3	1	18
Misc.*	1	2	0	2	5	3	0	0	1	14
TOTAL	250	292	250	248	313	301	324	250	288	2516

TOWN COMMITTEE

Blanks	4932	6060	4721	5390	6554	6022	6639	5332	5887	51537
Richard F. Burt, Jr.	127	142	131	108	141	156	154	114	127	1200

	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Pct 7	Pct 8	Pct 9	Total
Ivor K. Clements	120	124	122	99	132	137	146	105	127	1112
Carol C. Cleven	173	190	187	161	214	225	227	163	209	1749
Walter A. Cleven	141	154	148	130	167	181	176	135	157	1389
Judy L. Cypret	121	131	122	101	139	136	143	103	127	1123
Leslie P. Cypret	118	128	119	100	137	130	140	101	128	1101
Frances S. DeJager	113	127	116	104	137	135	145	104	140	1121
Peter Dulchinos	126	129	148	114	152	161	169	114	138	1251
Eileen K. Fletcher	140	152	154	119	159	174	183	129	145	1355
Harry A. Foster	135	169	147	114	139	148	151	128	134	1265
John S. Fudge, Jr.	128	129	129	117	141	149	150	109	153	1205
Rita M. Gamache	128	142	136	107	144	149	159	120	138	1223
Francis X. Harrison, Sr.	122	126	118	98	135	135	145	98	131	1108
Janet B. Hendl	123	135	148	100	144	143	155	120	129	1197
John F. Ketcham	115	126	117	101	139	143	144	105	126	1116
Verton W. Lenfest	116	134	121	102	137	138	143	102	126	1119
William R. Logan	161	169	166	131	180	192	198	147	173	1517
Michael F. McCall	117	130	131	102	136	136	145	102	126	1125
Florence E. Morrison	117	124	121	101	139	136	138	103	126	1105
Halver P. Peterson	119	146	140	105	139	140	150	111	133	1183
Constance A. Pickard	128	131	125	103	145	152	158	111	129	1182
John B. Sousa, Jr.	125	133	127	119	141	150	145	107	132	1179
Jeffrey W. Stallard	124	158	146	107	143	140	147	114	127	1206
Josephine A. Tambo	118	123	126	99	146	142	159	111	147	1171
Nicholas Theocharis	117	131	121	100	143	134	143	98	131	1118
Marguerite Waldron	117	130	140	101	142	144	158	113	131	1176
John T. Warren	119	127	124	109	141	142	149	104	131	1146
W. Matthew Whiting	125	134	134	101	143	145	153	106	129	1170
Robert F. Wood	123	123	120	102	135	139	144	104	124	1114
Margaret A. Fudge	136	135	135	115	157	156	150	115	162	1261
Bradford O. Emerson	5	4	1	2	3	7	4	4	13	43
Henrick R. Johnson, Jr.	4	7	1	6	0	5	3	4	10	40
Donna A. Johnson	4	6	1	6	0	5	1	4	8	35
Linda Marinell	2	6	3	0	0	0	3	2	2	18
Philip Currier	4	1	1	2	1	3	2	2	10	26
Marion Currier	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	4
Muriel McGann	2	0	1	0	0	2	1	2	8	16
Colleen Pickard	0	0	0	2	2	2	8	0	0	14
Write-in	5	4	2	0	8	1	10	4	6	40
Misc.*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	8750	10220	8750	8680	10955	10535	11340	8750	10080	88060

INDEPENDENT VOTERS PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION MARCH 10, 1992

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Pct 7	Pct 8	Pct 9	Total
Robert J. Smith	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Darcy G. Richardson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Erik Thompson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Howard Phillips	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Earl L. Dodge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J. Quinn Brisben	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Michael S. Levinson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bo Gritz	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
No Preference	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Andre Marron	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Pct 7	Pct 8	Pct 9	Total
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
TOTAL	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

Write-in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Blanks	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	5
TOTAL	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

Write-in	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Blanks	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	6
TOTAL	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>

TOWN COMMITTEE

All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Blanks	0	10	0	0	10	10	10	19	10	69
TOTAL	<u>0</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>70</u>

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION APRIL 7, 1992

MIDDLESEX, SS.

To the Constable, or any other suitable person of the Town of Chelmsford:

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the legal voters of said Chelmsford to meet in their several polling places, VIZ:

- Precinct 1: Town Office Building Gymnasium
- Precinct 2: Harrington Elementary School Gymnasium
- Precinct 3: Harrington Elementary School Gymnasium
- Precinct 4: Westlands School Cafeteria
- Precinct 5: Byam School Cafeteria
- Precinct 6: Westlands School Cafeteria
- Precinct 7: McCarthy Middle School, Small Gymnasium
- Precinct 8: McCarthy Middle School, Small Gymnasium
- Precinct 9: Town Office Building Gymnasium

On Tuesday, the 7th day of April, 1992 being the first Tuesday in said month at 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes for the following officers:

Two Selectmen for three years.

Two members of School Committee for three years.

Two members of Public Library Trustees for three years.

One member of the Board of Health for three years.

Two Planning Board members for three years.

One member of Housing authority for five years.

Two members of Sewer Commission for three years.

One Constable for three years.

One member of the Cemetery Commission for three years.

and to vote on the following question:

Question 1. THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the Town of Chelmsford urge Representative Chester G. Atkins and the Senators Edward M.

Kennedy and John F. Kerry to use their best efforts in the United States Congress to ensure that annual military budgets are progressively reduced by ten per cent a year until 1996 in order to provide essential funding for domestic needs including health care, affordable housing, job opportunities in peacetime industries, education, protection of the environment, and reduction of the national debt?

YES
NO

Fifty-four Representative Town Meeting members; six representatives per precinct.

One Representative Town Meeting Member for an unexpired two year term in Precinct 3.

Two Representative Town Meeting Members for an unexpired one year term in Precinct 4.

One Representative Town Meeting Member for an unexpired two year term in Precinct 7.

The polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.; and to meet in the Parker School Cafetorium on Monday, the twenty-seventh day of April, at 7:30 p.m. in the evening, then and there to act upon the following articles, VIZ:

Article 1. To hear reports of the Town Officers and Committees; or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Chelmsford Home Rule Charter under Part III, section 3-2 (c), Board of Selectmen Appointment Powers, by deleting the following:

"(c) Appointment Powers

The board of selectmen shall appoint a town manager, a town counsel, a town accountant, and a board of registrars of voters (but not including the town clerk). The board of selectmen shall also appoint such other multiple member bodies as may be provided by by-law."

and add the following as Part III, Section 3-2 (c):

"(c) The board of selectmen shall appoint a town manager, a town counsel, a town accountant, and a board of registrars of voters (but not including the town clerk). The board of selectmen shall also appoint such policy making or policy advisory committees as they deem necessary, licensing committees, and such other multiple member bodies as may be provided by by-law."

; or act in relation thereto.

Petition

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a certain sum of money from the sale of Graves and Lots to the Cemetery Improvement and Development Fund; or act in relation thereto.

Cemetery Commission

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to enter into compensatory balance agreements, during Fiscal Year 1993, as permitted by General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F; or act in relation thereto.

Town Treasurer

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a certain sum of money with which to meet bills from previous years; or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 12 of Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1985, the School Improvement Act, in relation to the Equal Educational Opportunity Grant in the amount of \$17,207.00 for the Nashoba Valley Technical High School for the 1991-92 School Year; or act in relation thereto.

Nashoba Valley Technical High
School District Committee

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Thirty Seventh A, relative to the exemption of certain real estate from taxation; such acceptance to be effective for fiscal year 1993; or act in relation thereto.

Board of Assessors

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, for consideration to be determined, to convey and transfer, all right, title and interest, if any, held by the Town, in a certain parcel of land, located on Shore Drive, and shown on Assessors' Map as Lot 15. Containing 5,000 square feet of land, more or less, all in compliance with the Uniform Procurement Act, M.G.L. Chapter 30B; or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following mentioned streets, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown by their reports duly filed in the office of the Town Clerk:

1. Boardwalk
2. Burton Lane

3. Pennsylvania Avenue
4. Waterford Place
5. Braeburn Road
6. Purcell Drive
7. Thornton Lane
8. Meehan Drive

Providing all the construction of the same meets with the requirements of the Board of Selectmen, and subject to the withholding of any remaining bonds until such requirements have been met; and to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire any and all temporary and/or permanent easements, and any property in fee simple, with trees thereon, by purchase, eminent domain, or otherwise, for the purpose of securing traffic safety and road improvements, and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer and appropriate from the Stabilization Fund, and/or borrow a certain sum of money to defray all necessary costs, fees and expenses in connection with the acquisition of said land and for paying any damages which may be awarded as a result of any such taking; and to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and execute all necessary and proper contracts and agreements thereto; or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53 E 1/2, "Cities and Towns Authorized to Use Revolving Accounts"; or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a certain sum of money from Sewer Betterments, Special Revenue, to reduce the exempt portion of debt and interest in the Fiscal Year 1993 Budget; or act in relation thereto.

Sewer Commission

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a certain sum of money from the Stabilization Fund to offset debt and interest in the Fiscal Year 1993 Budget; or act in relation thereto.

Town Manager

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be required to defray Town charges for the fiscal period July 1, 1992 to June 30, 1993; or act in relation thereto.

Town Manager

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds a certain

sum of money for the purpose of providing Senior Citizen Real Estate Tax Payment Vouchers for services rendered, pursuant to an agreement to be formulated by the Council on Aging and approved by the Town manager; or act in relation thereto.

Town Manager
Council on Aging

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds a certain sum of money to be used as a Reserve Fund at the discretion of the Finance Committee, as provided in General Laws Chapter 40, Section 6; or act in relation thereto.

Finance Committee

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a certain sum of money for the following capital projects:

Cemetery Truck	22,000.00
Data Processing Hardware & Software	100,000.00
DPW Road Resurfacing	200,000.00
DPW Middlesex Street Canal Deck	60,000.00
DPW Sidewalk Construction	200,000.00
DPW Streetlights	235,317.00
Fire Breathing Apparatus	10,000.00
Fire Ramp Repaving Eng. 3, 4, 5	15,000.00
Police Portable Radios	25,000.00
Police Cruisers	64,000.00
School CHS Ext Stairs	12,000.00
School Parker Roof Repairs	110,000.00
School CHS Gym Divider	10,000.00
School CHS Gym Floor	50,000.00
School CHS Lavatory Partition	10,000.00
School McCarthy Fire Alarms	30,000.00
School Interior Maintenance	15,000.00
School Stadium Seats/Press Box	30,000.00
HVAC Upgrades	51,029.00
TOTAL	\$1,249,346.00

and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer and appropriate from available funds, transfer and appropriate from the stabilization fund, and/or borrow a certain sum of money to fund these obligations; or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen
Town Manager
Capital Planning Committee

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a certain sum of money for the purpose of funding the sand lease approved by the Town under Article 12 of the 1989 Annual Town Meeting; or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer and appropriate from available funds, a certain sum of money to engage a private accounting firm to prepare an audit of all accounts in all departments in the Town of Chelmsford; or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Board of Assessors to issue a certain amount of money from Free Cash in the Treasury for the reduction of the tax rate; or act in relation thereto.

Town Treasurer

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 5th day of march A.D., 1992.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF CHELMSFORD
Dennis J. Ready, Chairman
William R. Logan, Vice Chairman
Richard E. DeFreitas, Clerk
Henrick R. Johnson, Jr.
Roger A. Blomgren

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLESEX, SS

March 17, 1992

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford by posting up attested copies of same at the following places, to wit: Town Office Building Gym, Harrington School Gymnasium, Harrington School Gymnasium, Westland School Cafeteria, Byam School Cafetorium, Westland School Cafeteria, McCarthy Middle School Small Gymnasium, McCarthy Middle School Small Gymnasium, and Town Office Building Gym, and Town Office Building Lobby.

Signed:
William E. Spence, Constable

A True Copy Attest,
William E. Spence, Constable

TOWN ELECTION APRIL 7, 1992

*indicates candidates for re-election
OFFICES AND CANDIDATES

	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Pct 7	Pct 8	Pct 9	Total
SELECTMEN 3 Year Terms (2)										
Blanks	130	168	108	169	173	141	150	153	110	1302
Robert P. Joyce	272	136	129	190	242	192	193	160	235	1749
William F. Dalton	154	202	117	183	177	136	131	222	96	1418
Peter V. Lawlor	277	221	335	299	377	457	408	265	308	2947
Jeffrey A. Brem	240	217	231	306	247	342	273	188	241	2285
John C. Ferreira, Jr.	62	51	32	145	71	45	65	50	40	561
Jeffrey W. Stallard	41	151	66	39	54	36	33	101	44	565
Wayne D. Richardson	33	17	12	47	101	16	28	34	48	336
Christine A. Gleason	198	203	260	179	241	195	229	190	184	1879
Write-In	1	0	0	1	2	0	2	4	0	10
Misc	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	4
TOTAL	1408	1366	1290	1558	1686	1560	1514	1368	1306	13056

SCHOOL COMMITTEE 3 Year Terms (2)

Blanks	494	500	395	546	552	524	485	476	422	4394
Carl A. Olsson*	466	457	448	539	562	557	521	457	435	4442
Wendy C. Marcks*	435	404	443	461	563	475	498	423	442	4144
Write-In	12	0	1	9	3	2	8	6	4	45
Misc	1	5	3	3	6	2	2	6	3	31
TOTAL	1408	1366	1290	1558	1686	1560	1514	1368	1306	13056

LIBRARY TRUSTEE 3 Year Terms (2)

Blanks	404	435	328	492	497	443	437	410	329	3775
Susan G. Koeckhoven	418	254	329	394	459	438	425	338	405	3460
Jaclyn Dolan Matzkin	184	342	267	241	268	223	217	258	178	2178
Sarah L. Warner*	399	333	366	429	461	452	432	361	392	3625
Write-In	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	1	7
Misc	1	2	0	2	1	1	3	0	1	11
TOTAL	1408	1366	1290	1558	1686	1560	1514	1368	1306	13056

BOARD OF HEALTH 3 Year Term (1)

Blanks	247	220	188	254	283	235	238	227	220	2112
Paul J. Canniff*	451	460	455	522	558	541	514	453	428	4382
Write-In	4	1	0	2	1	1	3	0	2	14
Misc	2	2	2	1	1	3	2	4	3	20
TOTAL	704	683	645	779	843	780	757	684	653	6528

PLANNING BOARD 3 Year Terms (2)

Blanks	310	320	277	363	370	315	286	308	238	2787
James M. Creegan	256	190	206	265	360	351	283	247	259	2417
John F. McCarthy*	212	239	212	262	249	297	291	225	221	2208
Michael F. McCall	176	242	239	203	196	180	286	180	162	1864
Christian S. Zousas	182	124	134	143	279	137	161	126	196	1482
Richard P. McClure	151	85	85	176	91	126	99	89	111	1013
Patricia Grant	119	165	139	145	140	153	105	191	119	1273
Write-In	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	2	0	7
Misc	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	5
TOTAL	1408	1366	1290	1558	1686	1560	1514	1368	1306	13056

	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Pct 7	Pct 8	Pct 9	Total
HOUSING AUTHORITY 5 Year Term (1)										
Blanks	120	115	114	125	172	137	150	113	105	1151
Lynn M. Marcella*	397	299	379	458	446	473	449	338	402	3641
Daniel J. Sadkowski	185	268	152	195	223	166	156	232	146	1723
Write-In	2	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	6
Misc	0	1	0	1	1	3	0	1	0	7
TOTAL	704	683	645	779	843	780	757	684	653	6528

SEWER COMMISSION 3 Year Terms

Blanks	376	385	329	434	488	395	416	386	282	3491
Jacob P. Sartz III	210	200	224	297	262	235	247	227	231	2133
John P. Emerson, Jr.*	368	403	358	399	440	471	417	367	362	3585
Barry B. Balan	450	376	379	426	496	456	434	387	428	3832
Write-In	3	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	1	9
Misc	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	6
TOTAL	1408	1366	1290	1558	1686	1560	1514	1368	1306	13056

CONSTABLE 3 Year Term (1)

Blanks	125	114	93	132	167	140	123	120	110	1124
William Spence*	374	343	285	452	413	421	382	321	328	3329
Robert Hohmann	204	225	255	194	262	216	252	242	214	2064
Write-In	1	1	2	1	1	3	0	1	1	11
TOTAL	704	683	645	779	843	780	757	684	653	6528

CEMETERY COMMISSION 3 Year Term (1)

Blanks	247	218	206	248	285	255	258	219	220	2156
Gerald L. Hardy*	447	464	436	527	552	522	495	461	430	4334
Write-In	9	1	0	2	4	2	2	2	2	24
Misc	1	0	3	2	2	1	2	2	1	14
TOTAL	704	683	645	779	843	780	757	684	653	6528

QUESTION 1

Blanks	131	125	81	134	129	142	146	106	99	1093
YES	403	398	372	475	481	434	378	420	364	3725
NO	170	160	192	170	233	204	233	158	190	1710
TOTAL	704	683	645	779	843	780	757	684	653	6528

REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEMBERS 3 Year Term (unless specified)

PREC. 1 (6)	TOTAL	PREC. 2 (6)	TOTAL	PREC. 3 (6)	TOTAL
Blanks	1810	Blanks	1408	Blanks	1429
Carl W. Seidel*	379	Bonnie I. Foster*	366	William F. Tucker	251
Marian D. Currier*	364	Donna J.K. Cooper	177	Christine A. Gleason*	406
Scott J. McCaig*	334	George F. Abely*	392	Katherine C. Harbison	304
John G. Coppinger*	358	Wanda L. Dunn	190	Michael F. Curran*	347
Fotine Alexis McCarthy	268	Loretta A. Gelenian*	259	Peter Dulchinos	263
Paul F. McCarthy	332	Susan E. Carter	184	John P. Emerson, Jr.	268
Phillip L. Currier*	364	Barry T. Bell*	331	Judith Haas*	328
Write-In	13	Jesse C. Foster	290	Jonathan C. Stubbs	274
Misc.	2	Douglas L. Wright	289	Write-In	0
TOTAL	4224	Kathryn M. Fisher	200	Misc	0
		Write-In	10	TOTAL	3870
		Misc	2		
		TOTAL	4098		

REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING MEMBER for Unexpired 2 Year Term

	TOTAL
Blanks	222
Francis J. Miethe	422
Write-In	0
Misc	1
TOTAL	645

write-in candidate

PREC. 4 (6)	TOTAL	PREC. 5 (6)	TOTAL	PREC 6 (6)	TOTAL
Blanks	2377	Blanks	2375	Blanks	1997
Lynn M. Marcella*	461	Stephen J. Mallette	497	Carol Lynn Bacon	456
Robert L. Hughes*	405	Evelyn S. Thoren*	428	David J. McLachlan*	445
Jeffrey A. Brem*	499	Ronald W. Wetmore*	448	Roger A. Blomgren*	473
Linda J. Allen*	418	Glenn R. Thoren*	398	Cheryl M. Warshafsky*	401
Frances T. McDougall*	395	Dean Carmeris*	425	Edward S. Marshall*	439
Write-In	20	Karen I. Braunschweiger	473	Martin A. Gruber*	445
Misc	11	Write-In	12	Write-In	24
Arthur J. Moores*	88	Misc	2	Misc	0
TOTAL	4674	TOTAL	5058		4680

REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING MEMBER for Unexpired 1 Year Terms (2)

	TOTAL
Blanks	651
Ralph M. Nebalski	419
Arthur W. Blomgren	462
Write-In	24
Misc	2
TOTAL	1558

PREC. 7 (6)	TOTAL	PREC. 8 (6)	TOTAL	PREC. 9 (6)	TOTAL
Blanks	2550	Blanks	1946	Blanks	1597
Leonard W. Doolan III*	424	Adrienne M. Jerome	317	Henry T. Emmett	336
Kathryn Brough*	391	Christopher J. Luppi	288	Charles A. Piper*	350
Dwight M. Hayward*	406	Shawn M. Kraft	253	Donald L. Elias*	317
Andrew V. Silinsh*	364	Daniel W. Burke*	352	Alan L. Moyer*	334
Beyla Makovsky	346	Francis M. Conlin	299	Barbara J. Scavezze*	348
Write-In	61	Stanley W. Norkunas*	258	James P. Good*	337
Misc	0	Diane Lewis	284	C. Thomas Christiano	270
TOTAL	4542	Write-In	5	Write-In	16
		Misc	2	Misc	12
		TOTAL	4104	TOTAL	3918

REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING MEMBER for Unexpired 2 Year Term

	TOTAL
Blanks	309
Jocelyn G.T. Anthony	441
Write-In	7
Misc	0
TOTAL	757

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING APRIL 27, 1992

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at the Parker School Cafetorium at 7:45 p.m. by the Moderator Dennis E. McHugh, who recognized the presence of a quorum. There were 144 Town Meeting Representatives present.

The Moderator made some procedural announcements. He pointed out the fire exits. Also all Representatives should have received when checking in, the new town Meeting by-laws. The Moderator's rules and recommendations were also available to the newly elected Representatives. He then announced that Thursday, April 29th was going to be the Annual Student Government day at the High School. He read the list of students participating and the offices that they would be holding.

SELECTMEN

Aaron Bates
Matthew Doyon
Erin Ready, Chairperson
Andy Rubenstein
Mike Sablone

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Steven Beaucher

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Michelle Brissette
Jen Mara
Jeff Metivier
Jill Moloney
Lori Sandler

DPW DIRECTOR/ENGINEER

Elizabeth Palm

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Jeff Cancelli
Jeff Cantara
Heather Mahon

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Tracy Sullivan

PLANNING BOARD

Michelle Dery
Kelly Gleason
Peter Kalpas

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Joseph Balan
Andrew Booth
Timothy Gonsalves

STATE SENATOR

Edwin Jeremy Quimby

BOARD OF HEALTH

Kim Baker
Stacy Keane
Lindsay Wells

WIRING INSPECTOR

Ted Crane

CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT

Robert Luhrs

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Christopher Avery
Mathew Gannon
Christopher Maille

TOWN CONSTABLE

Rick Sachetti

TOWN CLERK

Kate Petersen

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Daniel Nakamoto

SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDINGS

Derek Warshafsky

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Lynne Adams
Matthew Amerson
John Holladay
Amy Milinazzo

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Jackelyn May
Michelle McCuller
Jennifer Pattison

POLICE CHIEF

Thomas Harrington

FIRE CHIEF

Alicia Goldman

TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR

Jennifer Cyrkler

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Steve McNally

TOWN MODERATOR

Chris Parke

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Amy Graig
Leah Goldman
Paula Makarewicz
Djwan Scott

COUNCIL ON AGING DIRECTOR

Gradon Tripp

ASS'T POLICE CHIEF

Marybeth Feeney

ASS'T FIRE CHIEF

Mike Moriarty

VETERANS' AGENT

Karen Rafferty

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Brandon Young

A round of applause followed the announcement.

The Moderator then read his recommendations on the procedures of conduct for Town Meeting.

Selectman Jeffrey A. Brem moved that the reading of the Constable's return of service and posting of the warrant be waived. It was so voted unanimously, by a show of hands.

Selectman Jeffrey A. Brem moved that the reading of the entire warrant be waived. It was so voted unanimously, by show of hands.

UNDER ARTICLE 1 Selectman Jeffrey A. Brem moved that the Town vote to hear the reports of the Town Officers and Committees.

The Moderator explained that the only committee report to be heard was that of the Stipends and Benefits Committee. This committee was formed as the result of Article 5 of the October 21, 1991 Town Meeting. The Committee was comprised of one member from each precinct. Its purpose was to investigate the Town's stipend structure and benefit laws, and report the findings at the next Annual Meeting.

Dean Carmeris, Chairman of the Committee gave the committee's report. The Committee's purpose was to study the issue of benefits available to elected and appointed officials who receive a stipend. The tradition of paying stipends in some cases goes back to at least 100 years. The Finance Committee raised the

issue by submitting an article at the October meeting, and the body voted to appoint a committee to further study the situation. They reviewed only the insurance benefits issued to appointed and elected Town Officials. No other employees, or compensation was considered. The Committee gathered information from surrounding cities and towns that compared to Chelmsford in size and type of Government. He spoke to the personnel who presently administer the benefits, and discussed all the information at hand and as a result have submitted Article 10 of the Special Town Meeting scheduled for this evening.

He went on with a brief history of the benefits. In 1961 the Town voted to accept Chapter 32B of the M.G.L. This would allow the Town to provide certain benefits for certain people in service with the Town. Anyone receiving a stipend would be eligible to receive benefits. Presently these employees may participate in a medical health plan, which costs the Town \$4,250 per family plan. They are eligible for a \$5,000. term life insurance plan, which costs the Town \$42.00 per person, and they are allowed optional enrollment in the pension plan. After ten years of continuous service, if the person retires, he/she is eligible for continued medical and life insurance benefits. In the event of death, the spouse of this person is also guaranteed continued coverage, if on the medical plan at the time.

A discussion took place. William Spence questioned why he did not receive any type of questionnaire in order to submit his views about the situation. Dean Carmeris said that the committee felt that due to a member being one of the officials who did participate in the health plan, those views would be represented. Mark Gauthier came forward and said that at the December meeting he requested the Committee to contact any and all officials who were receiving the benefits so that they may express their concerns, however, the committee felt this step need not be done since the majority was against stipends. Andrew Silinish questioned if the benefits could be dropped after a person was elected or appointed, and their term of office was not up yet? According to the Town Manager and council, this could be done. Any present retired official would continue to receive the benefits if Article 10 passes. The Moderator reminded the body that this was only a report, any debate and further discussion should take place under the actual article. He then asked for a show of hands to accept the report as presented. Motion carried.

The Moderator made a point of order. The Annual Town Meeting was going to be adjourned at this time, in order to take up the Special Town Meeting which was posted for 7:30 p.m. At the conclusion of the Special Town Meeting, he will reconvene the Annual Town Meeting.

Selectman Jeffrey A. Brem moved to adjourn the

Annual Town Meeting in order to proceed with the posted Special Meeting. The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen were in favor of the motion. The Moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, motion carried. The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING APRIL 27, 1992

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at the Parker School Cafetorium at 8:10 p.m. by the Moderator Dennis E. McHugh, who recognized the presence of a quorum. There were 144 Town Meeting Representatives present.

The Moderator then asked permission from the Town Meeting body to allow certain people to speak when necessary. These people were non-residents and either represented certain parties in some of the upcoming articles, or would have information needed for discussion. He listed those people:

For Article 5, Jim Mawn and Paul Davis. For Article 9, Drew Leff, Barbara Housman Carye, Dean Skiff and Joseph Spanos. For Article 11, Edna Boyle, Paul Goss, Malea Hughes, Hank Sherman and Janine Ward. The Moderator asked for a vote by a show of hands, motion carried.

Selectman Jeffrey A. Brem moved that the reading of the Constable's return of service and posting of the warrant be waived. It was so voted unanimously, by a show of hands.

Selectman Jeffrey A. Brem moved that the reading of the entire warrant be waived. It was so voted unanimously, by show of hands.

Selectman Jeffrey A. Brem moved to take Article 2 out of order. Selectman William R. Logan explained that the Board of Selectmen wanted to take Article 2 out of order, and have it be acted upon before Article 1. The Board wanted to know the outcome of the proposed by-law change, prior to voting on the override question. The Finance Committee was in favor of the proposed motion. The Moderator asked for a show of hands on the motion, so voted.

UNDER ARTICLE 2 Selectman William R. Logan explained that this article would protect the monies voted on for the 2½ override for solid waste. The monies could only be used for solid waste and not for any other department's budget. The Finance Committee was in favor of the article.

Joel Karp moved to amend the article by deleting the paragraph shown and inserting in its place the following wording:

A: In the event that funding for any or all solid waste programs are derived from a Proposition 2½ override, then those funds shall be exclusively used for such services for fiscal year initially authorized for and all future years.

The Town Manager shall, when presenting a budget to Town Meeting, specifically account for such funds.

In the event that Town Meeting shall fail to appropriate all or any part of the funds for such services, the unused amount of the Proposition override shall not be raised nor shall it be used for any other purpose.

B: Any and all funds received by the Town from the sale of materials collected and or marketed through any of the solid waste programs shall be used only for the purposes contained in this by-law.

Joel Karp explained that this would definitely lock any override monies specified for solid waste only to be used in that budget, it could not be used for any other purposes. Any monies raised through the solid waste program would be put back into the solid waste program.

This article guaranteed that no other budgets could take any funds from the trash budget. Bernard Ready wanted to know what provisions would be made to guarantee that any increased cost for trash won't be taken out of other departmental budgets?

Town Manager Bernard Lynch explained that most likely the cost per ton will increase after three years. The contract beginning July 1st, reflects a cost of \$45.00 per ton. The previous contract was \$76.00 per ton. The Town is only allowed to increase the tax levy by 2½% each year. If in three years the contract does increase back to the \$76.00 per ton, then there would not be enough money raised to cover costs. The difference will be made up from either available funds within other budgets or go back to the voters with an override requesting the additional funds.

The Moderator asked for the Finance Committee's recommendation on the motion to amend. The Finance Committee recommends the article. The Board of Selectmen were in favor of the motion to amend. Discussion took place.

Barbara Scavezze, moved to amend the amendment by adding after the first paragraph, "All such Solid Waste Programs shall include service to all single family residences and all multi-family complexes." She explained that the override includes funding for the multi-family complexes, and after meeting with the people who lived in these complexes, they wanted

to be guaranteed that their trash would be picked up by the Town if the override passes.

The Moderator asked for the Finance and Selectmen's recommendation on the motion to amend, both boards were in favor. He then asked for a vote by way of a show of hands on the motion to amend the amendment, motion carried.

Bernard Ready moved to amend the amendment by adding:

"C. Any money raised and appropriated for solid waste programs shall come from a Proposition 2½ override, or collected from solid waste fees."

He felt that if more money is needed in the future then it would be funded only through an override, or fees and not by cutting any other budget.

The Moderator asked for the Finance Committee's recommendation. The Board did not have one at the present time. He then asked for the Selectmen's recommendation. The Board felt that it would hinder both the Town Meeting and the town manager with the budget process and does not support the motion. After reviewing the motion, Town Counsel James Harrington ruled the motion out of order. It would control future town meetings and the action that could be taken.

More discussion took place. The Moderator asked for a show of hands on the motion to amend. Motion carried. He asked if there was any need for discussion on the motion as amended. Barbara Scavezze said that the Solid Waste Committee supported the motion. The Moderator asked for a show of hands on the motion to amend. Motion carried. The article reads as follows:

Selectman Jeffrey A. Brem moved that the Town vote to amend the General By-laws Article VIII Waste Disposal, Section 8. Solid Waste Recycling, and Hazardous Waste Disposal Programs, Subsection 8.4 by adding the following paragraphs.

A: In the event that funding for any or all solid waste programs are derived from a Proposition 2½ override, then those funds shall be exclusively used for such services for fiscal year initially authorized for and all future years. All such Solid Waste Programs shall include service to all single family residences and all multi-family complexes.

The Town Manager shall, when presenting a budget to Town Meeting, specifically account for such funds.

In the event that Town Meeting shall fail to

appropriate all or any part of the funds for such services, the unused amount of the Proposition override shall not be raised nor shall it be used for any other purpose.

- B. Any and all funds received by the Town from the sale of materials collected and or marketed through any of the solid waste programs shall be used only for the purposes contained in this by-law.

UNDER ARTICLE 1 Selectman Jeffrey A. Brem moved that the Town vote to support the Ballot question seeking approval of an override of Proposition 2½ for the purpose of funding Municipal Household Solid Waste/Recyclable Collection for all Single Family Homes and all Multifamily Residences.

Chairman of the Board of Health, Mark Gauthier explained why the override is necessary. The follow up cost factor involved with the present bag and tag system is extremely high. He stated that throughout the town, illegal dumping was going on. Private dumpsters, roadsides, open areas were all subject to the abuse. The Board of Health, and the Town Manager's office have received numerous complaints. In some cases the area has been a health issue. He indicated that a display of pictures had been set up in the hall showing the different sites and amount of trash the Board of Health had recently been involved in picking up. The possibility of contacting Hepatitis B is of great concern. A staff member of the Board of Health had contacted Hepatitis B and it was felt that it was a result of removing illegal trash. The Board of Health reviewed the contents of the contract along with the members of the Solid Waste Committee and feel that the present health concerns will be addressed more satisfactory and at a lessor cost with the proposed bid, rather than the present bag and tag system. He urged for support of the override question which will appear on the May 27th Special Election. The Moderator asked for the Finance Committee's recommendation. The Finance Committee was in favor of the article, and requested the Town Manager to make a presentation showing the cost factor involved.

Town Manager Bernard Lynch showed the breakdown of the contract in the three year stages:

Contracts	Yr. 1	Yr. 2	Yr. 3
Trash Collect Max. yrlly	447,088	477,003	498,519
Disposal	877,500	936,000	975,000
19,500 tons	(\$45/T)	(\$48/T)	(\$50/T)
Recycling Max Annual	286,365	300,560	311,891
Leaves-3 collections	15,000	16,500	18,000
-Drop-Off-	2,500	3,000	3,500
	<u>\$1,628,453</u>	<u>\$1,733,063</u>	<u>\$1,806,910</u>
Other (2.5% Inc. Yr)			
Leaves - Composting	7,000	7,175	7,354

Employee 10 hours/wkly	6,000	6,150	6,304
Flyer with postage	3,000	3,075	3,152
Christmas Tree Drop-Off	1,000	1,025	1,051
	<u>17,000</u>	<u>17,425</u>	<u>17,861</u>

TOTAL AMOUNT

EACH YEAR	\$1,645,453	\$1,750,488	\$1,824,771
existing municipal	-85,000	-91,110	-95,754
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$1,560,453</u>	<u>\$1,659,378</u>	<u>\$1,729,017</u>

The Town Manager then showed the cost break down per household with either system:

Bill & Tag System: **

	1 bag/wk	2 bag/wk	3 bag/wk	4 bag/wk	5 bag/wk
1 Family	\$123.85	\$170.65	\$217.45	\$264.25	\$311.05
M-Curb	100.50	147.30	194.10	240.90	287.70
M-Dump	86.75same.....

Override Approved: Standard Deduction on Income Taxes

\$100,000	72.00same.....
\$150,000	108.00same.....
\$200,000	144.00same.....

**The Users Fees per household:

Solid Waste Collection:

Single Family	42.00
Multi-Family/curbside	30.00
Multi-Family/dumpster	25.00

Plus

Trash tags	.90
Dumpsters	40.00/unit
Bulk tags	7.00

Recycling:

Single Family	35.05
Multi-family/curbside	23.70
Multi-family/dumpster	21.75

A discussion took place. Questions were asked and answered by the Town manager. Why was a special election being called. He explained the exact cost had to be decided and that the bids had gone out and weren't due in until a week after the Board of Selectmen had met. The Board felt that the question should reflect the true cost needed for the override rather than estimate the cost and then be short or over the amount needed. A question was asked on how many households hadn't paid the user fees. There were at least 500. What guarantee was there that the present situation of illegal dumping would be taken care of? The Board of Selectmen felt that due to the fact that households won't have to deal with weekly stickers and the yearly user fee, that the trash would be put out legally each week at the curbside. Federal regulations regarding recycling will be the vendor's responsibility and not the Town's. The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen

support the motion. More discussion took place. John Emerson moved the question. The Moderator asked if there was a need for further discussion by way of a show of hands. Motion carried, unanimously. He then asked for a show of hands on the article, motion carried.

UNDER ARTICLE 3 Jeffrey A. Brem moved that the Town vote to amend the General By-Laws Article VIII Waste Disposal, Section 8 Solid Waste, Recycling, and Hazardous Waste Disposal Programs, Subsection 8.5 by adding the following paragraph:

"Notwithstanding the above, the Manager may negotiate contractual terms whereby the Town's selected contractor manages and administers the annual fee for the collection, transportation, and/or disposal or marketing of solid wastes and recyclables in which event fees may be made directly to the contractor and shall be accounted for under the terms of the contract."

Town Manager Bernard Lynch explained the article. This is to allow the vendor of the trash contract to administer a trash billing system, if need be. If the override passes this would not be necessary. The vendor's cost would be 85 cents per household. If the Town was to do the billing, the cost would be \$2.50. The philosophy is that the vendor should bear the burden and the risk of charging for the service that they are providing. The Town would only pay for the disposal of the public waste. That is the figure that appears in the solid waste budget. The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommends the article.

Joel Karp question where does the money sit? He felt that the money being collected is town money, for a town program. Under state law all town money must be given to the Treasurer of the town, who shall deposit it into a bank, and make suitable investments. He didn't mind that the billing was being done by the vendor, as long as the money is accounted for and insured. He then moved to amend the article, by deleting it and having the following wording:

"Notwithstanding the above, the Town manager may negotiate contractual terms whereby the Town's selected contractor manages and administer the annual fee for the collection, transportation, and/or disposal or marketing of solid wastes and recyclables in which event fees may be made directly to the contractor and shall be accounted for under the terms of the contract. Such funds that remain in the contractor's control and/or custody shall be fully collateralized, insured or backed by a surety bond to full amount of such funds. Such collateral, insurance or surety bond shall be in addition to any performance or similar bond required in accordance with statutory requirements, town by-law or policies established by the Town Meeting, Board of Selectmen, Town Treas-

urer or Town Manager.

The Contractor shall account for such funds on a monthly basis to the Town Treasurer."

Joel Karp explained the purpose. If the town decided to leave the money with the contractor then the town would have a bond so that the money would be assured. This is known as a surety bond, which is different from a performance bond. If the contractor doesn't go out and pick up the trash and the town has to find another vendor to pick up the trash then the provisions of the performance bond is applied. However, if the money is not accounted for, or embezzled or the vendor goes out of business then the provisions of a surety bond would apply. The Moderator asked for the Finance Committee's recommendation. The Finance Committee wanted to hear Town Counsel's opinion. Town Counsel James Harrington said that there was no problem with the motion to amend, but the decision of negotiating a contract to included a surety bond or performance bond is the decision of the Town Manager, it does not require a by-law to do this. The Finance Committee supported the motion because it makes good business sense. Ed Hilliard questioned if the new contract would have to be re-negotiated to include a surety bond? The Town Manager explained that the specifications were to provide a performance bond which he felt was adequate. Any changes in the initial bonding would not be allowed and the town would have to assume the cost of the bond. Ed Hilliard asked if it would then make sense to leave the money in the treasury and pay out to the contractor as he performs? The Town Manager explained this would not save the town money because the administration costs of the bid would not be utilized which was part of the town's savings. Ed Hilliard asked if perhaps this whole matter should be tabled until the next meeting, and in the meantime the additional costs could be figured out and reported back? The Town Manager asked that the original article be passed as presented and that he would check with the vendor to see if a surety bond could be obtained even though again he felt that the performance bond was adequate. More discussion took place. The Moderator asked for the Board of Selectmen's recommendation on the motion to amend. The majority of the Board was not in favor due to the possibility of costing more money. More discussion took place. The Moderator asked for a show of hands on the motion to amend. Motion defeated. He then asked if there was any need for further discussion. Hearing none, the Moderator asked for a show of hands on the article as originally presented, motion carried.

UNDER ARTICLE 4 John P. Emerson, Jr., Chairman of the Sewer Commission, moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or the Sewer Commissioners to acquire any and all temporary and/or permanent easements, and any property

in fee simple with the buildings and trees thereon by purchase, eminent domain, or otherwise, for the property located in the Town of Chelmsford, Massachusetts, and further described and shown on a set of plans entitled "Plan of Sewer Easements in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, Phase IIC Sewers" Dated January 31, 1992 prepared for the Chelmsford Sewer Commission by Richard F. Kaminski & Associates, Inc., a copy of which is on file in the office of the Town Engineer and Town Clerk and is incorporated herein by reference, for the purpose of constructing and maintaining sewers, pumping stations, and all other appurtenances thereto.

Chairman of the Sewer Commission, John P. Emerson, Jr., explained that this was in conjunction with an override vote done in 1980. There was no money involved. Both the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen were in favor of the article. The Moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 5 Christine Gleason moved that the Town vote to amend the existing Town of Chelmsford Zoning Map by removing the following described property on Littleton Road owned by C.L.M. Realty Trust, consisting of 1.68 acres and 7,628 square feet of land with the buildings thereon from limited Industrial District (IA) and Residential District (RB) and placing all of said property in a General Commercial District (CD).

Northerly	by the southerly line of Littleton Road, 490.05 feet;
Easterly	by land now or formerly of Raymond T. Osborn, et al, 119.46 feet;
Southerly	by land now or formerly of the New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad Company, 488.74 feet;
Westerly	by land now or formerly of Stephen W. Flannery, et al, 197.79 feet.

All of said boundaries are determined by the Land Court to be located as shown on Plan 29525A drawn by Brooks, Jordan and Graves, Civil Engineers, dated July 23, 1959 as modified and approved by the Land Court, filed in the Land Registration Office, copy of a portion of which is filed with Certificate of Title 11381. Property is also identified on the Board of Assessors Map 174 as Lot 31 and 32 which lots are now combined.

Attorney James Geary who represented the Mawn Family explained where the location of the property was. The location was that of the former Chelmsford Ginger Ale plant. The Mawn family has owned this property for approximately the last thirty years. It involves two acres of land which is zoned presently

for the most part (IA) Industrial District, and (RB) Residential. The Mawn family would like the entire piece to be rezoned (CD) Commercial District. If the body approves the rezoning, then the buildings involved would be removed, and a single story colonial office building would be built in its place. This would require two special permits from the Planning Board. One being a site plan detail review and the other a major business complex permit. The major business complex permit would require a traffic study input. In addition plans would be made to work with the neighbors concerning driveway locations etc. The days for a warehouse building being located in the center of town are gone and that this proposal would be more acceptable. Questions were asked concerning the traffic impact. Michael Anthony expressed concerns about losing the residential zone. It was the Building Inspector's recommendation to follow the actual property lines when rezoning. Ralph Hickey said that the proposed location would affect him, due to being located directly across from the property. He was in favor of the overall improvement, but still expressed his concerns of the effect of traffic and the entrance.

The Moderator asked for the Finance Committee's recommendation. The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen were in favor of the article. The Moderator asked for the Planning Board's recommendation. Chairman of the Planning Board, James Good read the Board's recommendation:

The Planning Board held a public hearing on the above mentioned issue on February 26, 1992. At the meeting of March 11, 1992, they voted unanimously to recommend (6-0) a zoning change of the described property from Limited Industrial District (IA) and Residential District (RB) and placing all of said property in a General Commercial District (CD).

Bernard Ready who is one of the directors of the Chelmsford Historical Society, said it was sad that this property would have to be torn down, however, it is an eye sore. He met with the architect and was assured that an historical information would be taken into consideration when designing. Either by saving the sign or possibly naming it Ginger Ale Park. He felt that with the present economy the town should support a business who wants to locate in town. He asked for support of the article. Andrew Silinish questioned if this property couldn't be rented out then what would be accomplished if the owner requests tax breaks. James Geary stated that there were definite tenants interested in this location. The Moderator attempted a vote by a show of hands which required a 2/3's vote. The following tellers came forward and conducted a hand count.

Result of the hand count: Yes 115 No 11, 2/3's is 84, the motion carried.

UNDER ARTICLE 6 Selectman Jeffrey A. Brem moved, that the Town vote to amend the General By-laws Article I. General Provisions Section 2 Non-Criminal Disposition of Violations of Any Ordinance, By-law, or Regulations of Any Municipal Officer, Board or Department by deleting the last paragraph which reads as follows in its entirety:

"Any person notified to appear before the Clerk of a District herein before provided may so appear and confess the offense charged, either personally or through a duly authorized agent or by mailing to such clerk with the notice such specific sum of money not exceeding two hundred dollars as the town shall fix as penalty for violation of the ordinance, by-law, rule or regulation. Such payment shall, if mailed, be made only by postal note, money order or check. The payment to the clerk of such sum shall operate as a final disposition of the case. An appearance under this paragraph shall not be deemed to be a criminal proceeding. No person shall be required to report to any probation officer, and no record of the case shall be entered in any probation records. If any person so notified to appear desires to contest the violations alleged in the notice to appear, he may avail himself of the procedure established in Chapter 40, Section 21D."

and insert in its place the following:

"Any person notified to appear before the Clerk of a District Court as herein before provided may so appear and confess the offense charged, either personally or through a duly authorized agent or by mailing to the town clerk of the municipality within which the violation occurred together with the notice such specific sum of money not exceeding three hundred dollars as the town shall fix as penalty for violation of the ordinance, by-law, rule or regulation. Such payment shall, if mailed, be made only by postal note, money order or check. Upon receipt of such notice, the town clerk shall forthwith notify the district court clerk of such payment and the receipt by the district court clerk of such notification shall operate as a final disposition of the case. An appearance under this paragraph shall not be deemed to be a criminal proceeding. No person so notified to appear before the clerk of a district court shall be required to report to any probation officer, and no record of the case shall be entered in any probation records. If any person so notified to appear desires to contest the violations alleged in the notice to appear, he may avail himself of the procedure established in Chapter 40, Section 21D."

Town Manager Bernard Lynch explained that the purpose of the article is to administer any violations which occur in the Town. The money will be turned over to the Town Clerk rather than the court system. This would be a minimal change to the by-law which already exists. Edward Hilliard questioned the

\$200.00 figure vs. the \$300.00, he felt this was more than a minimal change. The Town Manager explained that this is the exact wording of the state law. The Town can decide the fees of their own by-laws, but not state laws. The Moderator asked for the Finance and Selectmen's recommendation. Both Board's recommended the article. He then asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, motion carried.

UNDER ARTICLE 7 Selectman Jeffrey A. Brem moved to withdraw the article. Planning Board Chairman James Good said that the Planning Board was notified on April 8th by Attorney Joseph Shanahan that the petitioner wanted to withdraw the article at this time. The Planning Board voted unanimously to support the request. The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee supported the motion. The Moderator asked for a show of hands, motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 8 Selectman Jeffrey A. Brem, moved that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate from the insurance Sinking Fund the sum of \$7,500.00 to pay deductible payments assessed against the Town under Town Insurance Policies.

Selectman William R. Logan explained the article. The Finance Committee supported the article. The Moderator asked for a show of hands, motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 9 Selectman Jeffrey A. Brem moved that the reading of the article's description be waived. The Finance Committee supported the motion. The Board of Selectmen supported the motion. The Moderator asked for a show of hands, motion carried, unanimously. Attorney James Geary, representing the Carye Family who owned the property identified this as the Chelmsford Mall. He explained that this article was the same as the one presented at the fall meeting, the only significant change was that of the neighborhood concerns which was expressed by the representatives. Drew Leff gave a brief presentation showing the proposed changes. It was now considered a shopping center. In order to make the proposed improvements, the property must be refinanced. The present zoning makes the property non-conforming and this makes the process difficult. Other improvements would be a tenant mix, and in the future would be to add a restaurant, which is allowed in a CC zone but not the CA zone. Landscaping and a new facade are being planned along with an expansion of 10%. The expansion is planned for the Bradley side of the mall. He asked for approval and feels that this would be a great benefit and improvement for the town. Once approved then a site plan review will be conducted by the Planning Board and more details will be presented. Ralph Nebalski questioned the traffic issue, and asked if a traffic study had been done. It was explained that it is mandatory for a traffic study to be done when apply-

ing for a special permit. A question was raised about the existing septic system and a restaurant being added. The mall has made application to be tied into the sewage system so that will not be a problem. More discussion took place. The Moderator asked for the Finance Committee's recommendation, the committee was in favor of the motion. The Board of Selectmen supported the article. James Good, Chairman of the Planning Board, read the Board's recommendation.

The Planning Board held a Public Hearing on the above mentioned issue on February 26, 1992. At that meeting, they voted in favor to recommend (4-1) to Town Meeting a zoning change from Neighborhood Commercial District (CA) and Limited Industrial District (IA) and place said property in a Shopping Center District (CC) of the above described land.

A number of representatives spoke in favor of the article. The Moderator attempted a vote by way of a show of hands, it left the Chair in doubt. The tellers came forward and conducted a hand count.

The result of the hand count: Yes 123 No 2, $\frac{2}{3}$'s is 83, motion carried. The article reads as follows:

Christine Gleason of the Planning Board, moved that the Town vote to amend the existing Town of Chelmsford Zoning Map by removing the following described property consisting of 28.5 acres of land with buildings thereon from Neighborhood Commercial District (CA) and Limited Industrial District (IA) and placing said property in a Shopping Center District (CC):

Being a 28.5± acre parcel of land situated in Chelmsford, MA more particularly described as follows:

Commencing a point lying along the southerly R.O.W. Line of Chelmsford Road (Route 110), being a State Highway as laid out July 16, 1903 by the Massachusetts Highway Commission; said point being a stone bound and the "Point of Beginning" of the herein described parcel of land; thence running along said southerly R.O.W. line in a Southwesterly direction in 2 courses being; S82-17-00W, 844.61 feet to a point along a circular curve concave to the left with an arc length of 151.82 feet and radius of 656.80 feet to a point; thence S06-03-59E, 565.94 feet to a stone bound found; thence S80-37-34W, 56.97 feet to a point lying parallel and 50 feet East of the Easterly R.O.W. line of Manahan Street, being a 40' wide public way; thence S39-27-02E, 494.15 feet, along said parallel line of the Easterly R.O.W. line to a point lying at the intersection of the Southerly R.O.W. line of land now or formerly of the New York New Haven Railroad Co.; thence along said railroad R.O.W. line N68-17-04E, 354.84 feet to a

point lying at the intersection of said Southerly Railroad R.O.W. line and the Northwesterly corner of land now or formerly of Raymond Carye, being shown as Lot 4D on a plan of land prepared for Carex Realty Trust dated January 23, 1989; thence running along Westerly lot line of said Lot 4D S21-42-56R, 170.00 feet, to a point being the Southwesterly lot corner of Lot 4D and the Northwestern corner of Lot 5A as shown on the herein referenced plan; thence running along the common property line of Lot 4D and 5A as referenced herein N73-14-24E, 250.00 feet and S45-47-33E, 85.87 feet to a point lying at the center line intersection of Katrina Road, a 50' wide public way, and the extension of said property line as shown on the herein referenced plan, thence running along the center line of said Katrina Road being a curved concave to the right having an arc length of 277.86 feet and a radius of 665.00 feet to a point; thence N52-20-29E, 392.21 feet to a point lying at the center line intersection for said Katrina Road and the Westerly R.O.W. line of Glen Avenue, a public 40' R.O.W.; thence running a Northerly direction along said Westerly Glen Avenue R.O.W. in 2 courses being N36-52-48W, 217.63 feet to an angle point; thence N03-44-12E, 521.17 feet to a point lying at the intersection of said Glen Avenue Westerly R.O.W. line and the Southerly R.O.W. line of said Chelmsford Road, (Route 110); thence S86-36-00W, 210.66 feet along said Chelmsford Road (Route 110) Southerly R.O.W. line to the center line of Watt Terrace, a 30' private way; thence S04-41-06W, 299.00 feet along said Watt Terrace centerline to a point; thence S86-36-00W, 210.59 feet along Southerly property line of land belonging now or formerly of Watt; thence running along said Watt's Westerly property line N04-48-10E, 299.09 feet to a point lying along the Southerly right-of-way of said Chelmsford Road and being the "Point of Beginning" of the herein described parcel of land.

Said parcel being a proposed "CC" Zone District containing an area of 28.5 acres and being a portion of a CA (Neighborhood Commercial) CC (Shopping Center District) and IA (Limited Industrial) zone as shown on the Town of Chelmsford Zoning Map.

Selectman Jeffrey A. Brem moved to adjourn the Special Town Meeting to Thursday, April 30, 1992 at 7:30 p.m. at the Parker School Cafetorium. The Moderator asked for a show of hands, motion carried, unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Dennis E. McHugh
Moderator

Mary E. St.Hilaire
Town Clerk

ADJOURNED SPECIAL TOWN MEETING APRIL 30, 1992

The Adjourned Special Town Meeting was called to order at the Parker School Cafetorium at 7:45 p.m. by the Moderator Dennis E. McHugh, who recognized the presence of a quorum. There were 135 Town Meeting Representatives present.

The Moderator had a few announcements. He announced ticket information about the upcoming High School Play. Also, that absentee ballots are now available for the May 27th Special Election. He wanted all Representatives to note under their listing of Precinct 7 Representatives that Michael Anthony was elected to fill the unexpired two year term on April 27th by the Precinct 7 Representatives.

He asked for permission to allow Sylvester Ingeme, Business Manager for the School Department, and George Allen, Consultant/Engineer of the North Chelmsford Water Department, to speak from time to time on certain articles. Motion carried by way of a show of hands.

Due to a conflict with Article 10 and 11, Dennis McHugh stepped down as Moderator and appointed James Harrington, Town Counsel, as the Acting Moderator for these articles.

UNDER ARTICLE 10 The Acting Moderator James Harrington, read the article and Dean Carmeris, Chairman of the Stipends and Benefits came forward and explained the article. This article is the result of the findings of the Committee which was appointed last fall at the fall annual meeting to study the issue. The Committee felt that Elected and Appointed Officials should be reimbursed for any expenses that may occur while holding office. The expenses shouldn't exceed the amount of the stipend that they presently receive. Officials should not receive any stipend because that makes them eligible to receive other benefits, such as health and life insurance, and retirement. The health benefit continues for the spouse after the official has passed away. There are other committees that put in many hours of work and do not receive any compensation. A discussion concerning the paying of benefits took place. How much money is paid in benefits? The Committee wasn't quite sure, because of record keeping, they had a difficult time obtaining information on the total amount spent on health coverage. Presently at least four elected officials are on the Town's Health plan. The Committee felt that in order to eliminate the

expense of benefits, stipends would have to be eliminated. Cheryl Boss of the Finance Committee explained that the yearly cost was estimated to be \$13,600.00. The amount may not seem like a lot, however over the course of many years the amount adds up. Initially this was the Finance Committee's article, and it was meant to bring forth an educational process, to make people aware that elected and appointed positions are entitled to receive added benefits which costs the Town money, besides the stipend pay. People should volunteer to serve on boards, not because of the fact that stipend and benefits are available. Sandra Kilburn questioned the positions reported in the paper. Certain positions must be paid according to state law, such as the Registrars. How can the Town not pay them. The Committee wasn't aware that some of these positions mentioned were entitled to receive monies. The Acting Moderator/Town Counsel, explained that if statute states that a position must be paid a salary, then this procedure will continue and it is not considered a stipend, therefore it would not be affected by this proposed change. Many questions were asked and answered. Dennis Ready pointed out that the Town Clerk position is an appointed position. Wouldn't this by-law change effect that individual? Dean Carmeris felt that it wouldn't. The Acting Moderator/Town Counsel explained that this article would affect only those positions that appear in the budget as a stipend article. Not any individual who receives a salary. More discussion took place. Brad Emerson moved to table the article until the Fall session so further investigation into the actual costs could be made. Ed Hilliard questioned that if an article is tabled, and not removed from the table, then the article is never voted on. The Acting Moderator said that this is correct. The Acting Moderator asked for a show of hands, motion defeated. A lengthy discussion took place. A number of Representatives spoke against the article. William Spence, who is the Town's Constable explained that he is allowed to charge a certain amount for serving and posting warrants. There are nine precincts and the Town Office Building location. He receives \$50.00 for posting at these ten locations, which is \$5.00 per posting, and it takes at least two hours. The State statute sets his fee. He could by right charge \$28.50 for each precinct that he posts in. He also serves for the various departments in the Town, and charges a flat rate fee. No matter how many times he must return to the location. He feels that he has never charged the "going rate," and that last year alone had saved the Town approximately \$3,000 to \$4,000 dollars. John Emerson explained all the work that the Town Physician does for a fee of \$1500.00 per year. Barbara Scavezze moved to amend the article for Selectman Lawlor by amending the sec-

ond paragraph first sentence: "Appointed and elected officials shall be entitled to receive a reimbursement for all documented expenses incurred during the execution of their duties." And to delete the second sentence of paragraph two. Peter Lawlor explained the motion to amend. The Acting Moderator asked for the Finance Committee's recommendation on the motion to amend. The Finance Committee was against the motion. The Board of Selectmen had no recommendation at this time. Samuel Poulten said that if people started charging the Town for their actual time and expense then it would far exceed the amount being paid in stipends. People still run for School Committee knowing that there certainly are no benefits or stipends involved. He wanted to know just how much money would be saved if stipends were eliminated. Dean Carmeris said that the Committee didn't necessarily want to not pay stipends, however, in order to eliminate the expense involved with the health benefits, stipends should no longer be paid. The exact cost saving figure was not readily available because it would include all the presently retired employees. More discussion took place. Dennis Ready moved the question. The Acting Moderator asked for a show of hands on the motion to stop debate. Motion carried, unanimously. He then asked for a show of hands on the motion to amend. Motion defeated. Back to the main motion. The Acting Moderator asked for the Finance Committee's recommendation. The Finance Committee supported the article. The Board of Selectmen decided not to take a position on the issue. Elizabeth Marshall urged for passage. She felt that this was the time to put all officials on the same equal level. Then no one would have to consider who should get a stipend for the amount of time etc., that one committee contributes vs. another committee or individual. Ed Hilliard stated that he agreed with Elizabeth Marshall, stipends should be eliminated. Perhaps the individuals should be paid like in industry, as consultants, when they work they get paid. He pointed out that in the event an individual or Committee can justify the need for a stipend then according to the third paragraph the Representatives after a vote, may choose to pay one. More discussion took place. James Sousa felt that before any stipends are eliminated perhaps this should be tabled in order to allow the individuals involved to be able to express their views, especially after some people have contributed twenty to thirty years of service to the Town. John Emerson of the Board of Health, reminded the Representatives again about the position of Town Physician, and that many of the other individual positions are filled by people who certainly would be paid a lot more money if paid as a consultant to a Board. Michael Anthony moved the question to stop debate. The Acting Moderator asked for a

show of hands, motion carried. He then asked for a vote by way of a show of hands of the article. This left the Chair in doubt the following tellers came forward: Dorothy Frawley, Patricia Plank, Lucy Simonian, Jean Horgan. Results, Yes 60 No 66, majority needed, the motion is defeated. (See the wording of this article in the warrant.)

UNDER ARTICLE 11 Christine Gleason Planning Board member, moved that the Town vote to amend the Zoning By-law passed and as most recently amended entitled "Zoning By-Law of the Town of Chelmsford" as follows:

Under "ARTICLE V. DEFINITIONS

Adult Entertainment Establishments:

Massage Service Establishments:

- (b) The practice of massage shall not include the following individuals while engaged in the personal performance of duties of their respective professions:
 - a. Physicians, surgeons, chiropractors, osteopaths, or physical therapists who are duly licensed to practice their respective professions in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
 - b. Nurses who are registered under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
 - c. Barbers and beauticians who are duly licensed under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, except that this exclusion shall apply solely to the massage of the neck, face, scalp, and the hair of the customer or client for cosmetic or beautifying purposes."

By adding the following exclusion as "subsection d." to the existing by-law definition of Massage service establishments:

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- d. Massage therapists who are duly permitted to practice under the Rules and Regulations of the Chelmsford Board of Health."

Dennis McHugh, represented Harriett Fishman who had petitioned for this zoning change. He gave a presentation explaining the use of massage therapy. The Board of Health would be responsible for the rules and regulations involved with massage therapy. This is to allow the practice of massage therapy to exist in the Town. Harriett Fishman came forward and explained her educational background. Two of her patients came forward and spoke on behalf of Harriett Fishman and her use of massage therapy. A discussion took place. Where would the location be? Dennis McHugh explained. First in order for this to even be considered, a zoning change is required in order to allow massage therapy to take place any place in Town. Harriett Fishman would like to operate this out of her home, however, this would require a home occupation permit from the Board of Appeals because of being in a residential area. If she decided not to petition the Board of Appeals, then the business would be in an office setting in a business zone. James Good, Chairman of the Planning Board read the Board's recommendation:

The Planning Board held a public hearing of the above mentioned issue on March 11, 1992. At the meeting of March 25, 1992, a decision was rendered in favor (5-1) and with (1) one abstention to recommend to Town Meeting the above mentioned change in the zoning By-laws of ARTICLE V. DEFINITIONS - Adult Entertainment Establishments, Massage Service Establishments, the addition of the exclusion "subsection d." to the existing by-law definition.

The Acting Moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands. This required either an unanimous or a $\frac{2}{3}$'s vote. The tellers came forward and conducted a hand count. The results: Yes 109 No 6, 77 is $\frac{2}{3}$'s the motion carried.

Dennis McHugh returned to the Chair as Moderator, and the meeting continued.

(NOTE THERE IS NO ARTICLE 12, WARRANT WAS MISNUMBERED)

UNDER ARTICLE 13 Selectman Jeffrey A. Brem moved to withdraw this article. Town Manager, Bernard Lynch explained that this was the proposal for land taking as a future Library site. The plans had not yet been completed, more work needed to be done. He asked for approval of the withdrawal as it will be resubmitted on the fall warrant. The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen support the motion to withdraw. The Moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, motion carried.

UNDER ARTICLE 14 Selectman Jeffrey A. Brem moved that the Town vote to rescind a portion of the authorization to borrow funds under Article 8 of the Annual Town Meeting held in 1990 by the sum of \$232,345.00 which represents an amount authorized but unused to complete the Mandated Handicap Access Project.

Town Manager Lynch explained that this is the amount of money that would have been borrowed for previous Town Meeting action for a certain Capital Planning item. When a certain amount of money is specifically voted on, then the project or item must be completed or purchased for any other project or item. This money amount was never borrowed, this is to clear the books. The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen support the article. The Moderator asked for a vote by a show of hands, motion carried, unanimously.

Dennis McHugh again stepped down as Moderator. James Harrington, Town Counsel presided over the next article as the Acting Moderator.

UNDER ARTICLE 15 Selectman Jeffrey A. Brem moved to waive the reading of the meets and bounds. The Acting Moderator asked for a show of hands, motion carried.

Bruce Harper moved that the Town vote to amend the Zoning Map and the Zoning by-laws as follows:

The Zoning Map and accompanying ordinance passed and as most recently amended entitled "Zoning By-Laws of the Town of Chelmsford" is hereby amended by establishing new lines and striking out the designation "Open Space" (OS) District, as shown on said zone map, and substituting in place thereof

new lines and designation "Public" (P) District, insofar as said zone map relates to the following described premises. (See the warrant for the wording of the article.)

Dennis McHugh, representing the North Chelmsford Water District explained the article. The District has proposed that the zoning of a piece of land off Swain Road be changed from Open Space to Public Use to facilitate the purchase of the land by the District and construction of a water tank to serve the needs of the North Chelmsford Water District. The Commissioners have chosen this method to advance the interest of the District to work with the zoning in the town if at all possible. The Commissioners have had a documented shortage of fire flow pressure in the District since 1984 with no significant deficiency. The low fire flow pressure is documented by additional tests done in 1989 and 1990 to confirm the situation. The water storage that the District has consists of two tanks located centrally in the District, one of which is 84 years old and surviving much longer than any of its planners ever expected. An engineering report made to the Commissioners in 1989 confirmed that the tank needed extensive repairs and should be replaced. There is approximately 400,000 gallons of usable storage right now. There is a need for 800,000 gallons of additional storage right now. The Commissioners engaged the engineering firm of Dufresne Henry to analyze the District and its needs and make a recommendation. The firm examined the topography of the district and the land use and proposed six prospective locations. The firm expertise supports decentralizing the storage of water. The Northern section of the District consisted of more residential use and lower fire flow pressure presented more of a fire hazard to families and homes in the District and has more open space presenting the possibility of more future development so the Commissioners decided to place the replacement tank in the northern section of the District. The sites located in the northern section was a piece of land located at the rear of Scotty Hollow condominiums on land owned by the North Congregational Church, a parcel of land beside the Groton Road access to Rt. 3, a parcel of land at the end of Harding Street and a parcel of land off Swain Road owned by the Sportsmen Club. The Commissioner's analyzed all the sites. They did not negotiate with all owners purchase and sale agreements, or easements or obtain appraisals of taking by eminent domain. Nor did they engage engineers to do further studies to document in detail the specific difference on the entire system of each location. They did compare the location and prospective use of each parcel and they did try to coordinate the data because each site was different having its own difficulties and/or advan-

tages. They did compare some of the purchase values of the various sites. The Swain Road site abuts a public way, provides benefits to the northeast direction and a west and southerly direction. The acquisition would require dealing with only one owner with no need for further access. Also the owners were willing to sell so the eminent domain issues could be avoided. He then described the tank. There would be no interaction with the landfill, the water is piped in and piped out. He said that the Commissioner's have been before the Representatives at the previous Fall meeting with the same proposal, and have met with neighbors in an effort to come back with a proposal supported by all the neighbors. Since then significant progress has been made. He then read into the record the following letter from the North Chelmsford Water Commissioners.

"The issue of control over the proposed actions of the Commissioners of the North Chelmsford Water District has been raised repeatedly as a danger of passage of the zoning change proposed by the District for a water tank on Swain Road. The Commissioners hereby submit this letter of conditions as a covenant with the Town of Chelmsford to allay any fears any concerned parties may have that the Commissioners intend to independently change the plans presented at Town Meeting to the disadvantage and dismay of the neighbors or to use the premises for any other purpose than a water tank.

Should the Town Meeting Representatives decide favorably to change the zoning of the land sought by the North Chelmsford Water District for the water tank, the Commissioners hereby agree to build the water tank presented at Town Meeting, the standpipe design, in accordance with the plan presented and to provide the enhancements to the premises for screening. The Commissioners further agree to provide the enhancements to the land fill access road if permitted by the Town of Chelmsford, on whose land the land fill access road is located. The Commissioners agree that this covenant may be part of any ruling of the Board of Appeals. If the Commissioners are to build the standpipe, because of the height of the structure, they will apply for a variance from the Board of Appeals.

There is no reason within the control of the Water Commissioners that this location would be used for anything other than a water tank. In the event that the zoning change is allowed, no other use described in the use schedule of the zoning by-law will be made of the parcel. Most uses require special permitting, anyway.

In the very unlikely event that the Commissioners are unable to pursue this location after rezoning to public use for reasons beyond the Commissioner's control, the Commissioners agree to bring a petition to the Town Meeting to rezone this parcel as Open Space. This would be presented to the Town Meeting Representatives at the first appropriate Town Meeting for zoning changes after the site is abandoned as a possibility for the water tank.

The Commissioners acknowledge that they do not control all interested parties and face the possibility that a party beyond the control of the Water Commissioners may choose to pursue actions to delay or prevent the Commissioners from pursuing these plans on this site. The actions of others may dictate actions of the Commissioners but the Commissioners submit that if they are not prevented by other parties, they will complete the plans as proposed.

The Commissioners have an obligation to the water takers in the District and, in good faith, cannot give up their responsibility to their electorate to do their best to construct the needed water tank and cannot not give up any statutory rights or obligations should zoning changes and permitting through this process not be possible.

Thank you for your cooperation.

North Chelmsford Water District
Signed by Bruce H. Clark, Chairman

Dennis McHugh stated that the Commissioners represent an entire district of approximately 2500 users of water. They are not developers of industrial parks of multifamily developments and asks that they not be thought about in this way. They are not planning to provide water for the Westford development of Greystone Park. There is developable land in North Chelmsford that they are supposed to support but right now only 200,000 gallons of this tank is for future development. There is a 800,000 gallon storage shortage right now. The Commissioner's submit that most of the district supports the proposed site and asks for support of the article.

Numerous questions were asked and answered by the abutters who lived in the area of the site. Sue Olsen questioned if the Planning Board has as required by law, notified all the surrounding cities and towns of the proposed zoning change. The Acting Moderator/Town Counsel responded that to his understanding the Board has. In fact, if there is any questions on the procedural issues, the Attorney General will address this once the by-law has been sub-

mitted to him for approval. Bob Joyce wanted to know what was different from this site, than the site that was proposed last fall? Dennis McHugh responded that the site was the same, just that the issues raised at the Fall meeting have been addressed. A more detailed plan has been presented, plus a covenant. How was this to be paid? A 1.4 million dollar bond would be floated over a thirty year period, the cost would be borne by the North water takers. George Allen answered questions concerning the building and engineering of the tank. Concerns were raised by people who lived in the Wain Pond area about the drainage methods to be used when draining the tank. This area already has a problem with beavers damming up the pond. It was felt that any added water to the pond would cause damage. It was replied that the tank would be drained every fifteen years. And guaranteed that strict precautions would be taken.

The Acting Moderator asked for the Finance Committee's recommendation. The Finance Committee had no recommendation at this time. He asked for the Board of Selectmen's recommendation, Chairman William Logan responded that a majority of the Board was against the article. He asked for the Planning Board's recommendation. The Chairman of the Planning Board James Good, read the Boards recommendation:

The Planning Board held a Public Hearing on the above mentioned issue on March 11, 1992. At the meeting of April 22, 1992, a decision was rendered in which they voted (4-2) in favor to recommend to Town Meeting Article 15 for an Amendment to the existing Zoning Map and the Zoning By-Laws to change from "Open Space" (OS) District to the designation of "Public" (P) District of the attached described land.

A lengthy discussion followed. Kenneth Ferron a direct abutter said that many of the issues had not been fully addressed by the neighbors in the immediate area. Since last fall the alternative sites stated had not been fully explored as alternate sites. Not against the need for constructing a tank for the additional water, just feels that more questions need to be answered concerning this particular site.

Sue Olsen expressed concerns of the North Chelmsford's Water District public meeting procedures that were held concerning this article. She proposed to amend the article. That any further land needed for the North Water District Commission must be taken by Town Meeting vote. The Acting Moderator ruled this motion out of order.

A number of Representatives spoke in favor of the article. Harry Foster, Ronald Wetmore, and George Merrill asked for support. Brad Emerson moved the question to stop debate. The Acting Moderator asked for a show of hands on the motion. Motion carried, unanimously. He asked for a show of hands on the article. This requires a $\frac{2}{3}$'s vote, he asked the tellers to come forward and conduct a hand count. The result was Yes 63 No 53, $\frac{2}{3}$'s is 77 the motion is defeated.

Robert Joyce moved to reconsider Article 10. The Moderator asked for a show of hands, motion defeated. Dennis McHugh returned to the podium as Moderator.

Seeing that there was no further business at hand, Selectman Jeffrey A. Brem moved that the Special Town Meeting be adjourned and that the Annual Town Meeting be adjourned to Monday, May 4th at 7:30 p.m., at the Parker School Cafetorium. The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen were in favor of the motion. The Moderator asked for a show of hands, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Dennis E. McHugh
Moderator

Mary E. St.Hilaire
Town Clerk

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MAY 4, 1992

The Adjourned Annual Town Meeting was called to order at the Parker School Cafetorium at 7:35 p.m. by the Moderator Dennis E. McHugh, who recognized the presence of a quorum. There were 142 Town Meeting Representatives present. He announced that Thursday, May 7th was the last day to register to vote with the Town Clerk, for the upcoming Special Town Election on May 27th.

UNDER ARTICLE 2 Dennis Ready moved that the Town vote to amend the Chelmsford Home Rule Charter under Part III, section 3-2 (c), Board of Selectmen Appointment Powers, by deleting the following:

“(c) Appointment Powers

The board of selectmen shall appoint a town manager, a town counsel, town accountant, and a board of registrars of voters (but not including the town clerk). The board of selectmen shall also appoint such other multiple member bodies as may be provided by by-law.”

and add the following as Part III, Section 3-2 (c):

“(c) The board of selectmen shall appoint a town manager, a town counsel, a town accountant, and a board of registrars of voters (but not including the town clerk). The board of selectmen shall also appoint such policy making or policy advisory committees as they deem necessary, licensing committees, and such other multiple member bodies as may be provided by by-law.”

Dennis Ready explained the article. That when the Charter became in effect, it divided the executive branch of government duties into two groups. Operational duties which gave all power to the Town Manager and policies and rights duties to the Board of Selectmen. The language is not clear. Only the Town manager can appoint people to a committee. So if the Board of Selectmen wants to form a committee to advise themselves on a policy that it wants to draw up, like the Sexual Harassment Policy Committee, the language would not allow the Selectmen to form this committee to advise themselves. This would not take any power away from the Town Manager. He would still make decisions on operational policies. Cheryl Boss spoke against the article. The Moderator asked for a recommendation for the Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen supports the article. Dean Carmeris asked the Town Manager of his opinion on the article. Bernard Lynch said that he had no problem with the article, because he has the power to decide on any operational policy. A discussion followed. The Moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands. This left the Chair in doubt. He asked for the following tellers to come forward and conduct a hand count. Dorothy Frawley, Patricia Plank, Jean Horgan, Lucy Simonian. Result of the count Yes 57 No 46 $\frac{2}{3}$'s is 69 motion is defeated.

UNDER ARTICLE 3 Selectman Jeffrey A. Brem moved that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$18,000.00 from the sale of Graves and Lots to the Cemetery Improvement and Development Fund.

Selectman Logan explained the purpose of the article. The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. The Moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 4 Selectman Jeffrey A. Brem moved that the Town vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to enter into compensatory balance agreements, during Fiscal Year 1993, as permitted by General

Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F.

Town Manager Bernard Lynch, explained that this is a yearly article that must be done. The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen supported the article. The Moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 5 Selectman Jeffrey A. Brem moved to dismiss Article 5.

Selectman Logan explained that there were no bills for the previous year and that this article is not necessary, and recommends dismissal. The Finance Committee recommended dismissal. The Moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 6 Samuel Poulten moved that the Town vote to accept the provisions of Section 12 of Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1985, the School Improvement Act, in relation to the Equal Educational Opportunity Grant in the amount of \$17,207.00 for the Nashoba Valley Technical High School for the 1991-92 school year.

Samuel Poulten explained that this is the amount of grant money available and that each Town in the district must vote on it in order for Nashoba to receive the grant. The Finance Committee is in favor of the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. The Moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 7 Ruth K. Delaney moved that the Town vote to accept the provisions of General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Thirty Seventh A. relative to the exemption of certain real estate from taxation; such acceptance to be effective for fiscal year 1993.

Ruth Delaney explained that this would allow the blind exemptions to be increased \$62.50. The present rate is \$437.50. If this passed the rate would be \$500.00 which is what the other exemptions are. There are 30 blind exemptions. The total cost increase would be \$1,875.00. The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommended the article. The Moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 8 Selectman Jeffrey A. Brem moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, for consideration to be determined, to convey and transfer, all right, title and interest, if any, held by the Town, in a certain parcel of land

located on Shore Drive, and shown on Assessor's Map 45 as Lot 15. Containing 5,000 square feet of land, more or less, all in compliance with the Uniform Procurement Act, M.G.L. Chapter 30B.

The Town Manager explained that this article refers to the sale of land. In the past abutters have come forth and explained why they want the land in question. Now it is required that any land with a value of over \$500.00 must be put out to bid, if the body votes in favor, then this will be done. The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen recommended the article. The Moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 9 The Moderator read the article. Selectman Jeffrey A. Brem moved to amend the article by deleting Burton Lane and reducing the amount to be raised and appropriated to \$7.00. Selectman Logan explained that Burton Lane was to be removed from this list because it was not up to specifications at this time, therefore the dollar amount would be reduced by \$1.00. The Moderator then read the article again. Selectman Jeffrey A. Brem moved that the Town vote to accept the following mentioned streets, as laid out by the board of Selectmen and shown by their reports duly filed in the office of the Town Clerk:

1. Boardwalk
2. Pennsylvania Avenue
3. Waterford Place
4. Braeburn Road
1. Purcell Drive
6. Thornton Lane
7. Meehan Drive

Providing all the construction of the same meets with the requirements of the Board of Selectmen, and subject to the withholding of any remaining bonds until such requirements have been met; and to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire any and all temporary and/or permanent easements, and any property in fee simple, with trees thereon, by purchase, eminent domain, or otherwise, for the purpose of securing traffic safety and road improvements, and vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7.00 to defray all necessary costs, fees and expenses in connection with the acquisition of said land and for paying any damages which may be awarded as a result of any such taking and vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and execute all necessary and proper contracts and agreements thereto.

The Moderator asked for the Finance Committee's recommendation on the motion to amend. The Finance Committee was in favor of the amendment. The Board of Selectmen supported the motion to amend. The Moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands. Motion carried. He then asked for the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen's recommendation on the motion as amended. Both Boards were in favor of the article as amended. The Moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 10 Selectman Jeffrey A. Brem moved that the Town vote to authorize the establishment of a Revolving Fund under Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ for the Recreation Commission for Fiscal Year 1993. The receipts to be credited to the fund shall be from the collection of user and admission fees from recreational programs. The Recreation Commission shall be authorized to spend money from the fund by majority vote the purpose of purchasing and maintaining equipment and supplies, maintaining property under the control of the Commission, and administering the recreational program of the Town. Expenditures from the Recreation Revolving Fund shall be limited to \$40,000.00 during Fiscal Year 1993.

The Town Manager explained that this was an annual article. Recreation in the past had a revolving fund, which couldn't be used to pay salaries. Two years ago this was switched over to be a revolving account, in accordance with a State Law. As a result the Recreation Department is a self-supporting department. It must be reported each year on who is using the account, how much is being spent. The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen supported the article. The Moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 11 Chairman of the Sewer Commission, John P. Emerson, Jr., moved that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$1,300,000.00 from sewer betterments, special revenue, to reduce the exempt portion of debt and interest in the Fiscal Year 1993 Budget.

John Emerson explained that this money is used to reduce the debt and interest for the ongoing sewer project. The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen were in favor of the article. The Moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, motion carried, unanimously.

John Emerson moved to reconsider Article 2 at this time. He felt that where it lost by such a small

vote earlier, now more Representatives have arrived it should be reconsidered. The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen were in favor or reconsideration. The Moderator asked for a show of hands, which left the Chair in doubt. The tellers came forward and took a hand count, Yes 74 No 42 motion carried to reconsider Article 2.

UNDER ARTICLE 2 John Emerson moved to amend the article by striking from Section C the words "such policy making or" and read "such policy advisory committees." He explained the purpose of the amendment. The Moderator asked for the Finance Committee's recommendation. The Finance Committee was not in favor of motion to amend. The Board of Selectmen were in favor of the motion to amend. Edward Hilliard questioned the article. He felt that the Selectmen should still make decisions on licensing and not be able to delegate this decision. He moved to amend the amendment by striking "licensing Committees" from section (c). The Moderator asked for the Finance Committee's recommendation on the motion to amend. They were not in favor of the motion. He then asked for the Selectmen's recommendation, they unanimously supported the amendment. The Moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, motion carried. He then asked for discussion on the motion to amend. A number of Representatives spoke in favor of the motion to amend. The Moderator asked for a vote on the motion to amend, by way of a show of hands, motion carried. Asked if there was any discussion on the main motion as amended. More discussion took place. Representatives spoke against the article. The moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, the motion is defeated.

UNDER ARTICLE 12 The Town Manager Bernard Lynch moved to dismiss this article. He explained that this article had been inserted in case it would be needed because the posting of the warrant is done way before the final figures are completed for the budget process. He sees no need to act upon the item at this time. Both the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen were in favor of the motion to withdraw.

UNDER ARTICLE 13 The Moderator explained that the following article is the budget for fiscal period from July 1, 1992 to June 30, 1993. The town Manager, Bernard Lynch would address the Town Meeting Body at this time.

The Town Manager first gave a list and explanation of changes to be made to the balanced budget figures.

2	Treasurers Expenses to convert compensating balance agreement	\$ +90,000	\$ 347,091
6	Chelmsford School Dept. for level service budgeting	+220,439	23,048,115
13	Municipal Waste Col- lection for leaf collection in the Spring	+7,000	1,049,898
	Cemetery Budget Adjustment		
19	Personnel Services	+24,000	144,693
20	Expenses To use for add'l help, money will be used from the perpetual care acct. for expenses	-24,000	691
23	Elder Services Budget correction	-10,000	279,946
34	Solid Waste Enterprise Expenses and Receipts	-639,000	464,000

The Town Manager went on to say that Chelmsford was a fiscally sound community. He wanted to maintain this status. The surrounding cities and towns were facing budget cutbacks and layoffs. Chelmsford has already gone through this and as a result has had and will continue to have a level service budget. Hopefully within a year or two we will be able to reinstate some of the programs that have had to be cut back. He asked for support of the budget as presented.

The Moderator explained the procedure he was going to use going through the budget. He would name the line item which applies to the category and read the numbers going down the specific category. At this point any and all amendments and discussion is to take place. No final vote will be taken until the end.

He read the Municipal Administration category and its total figures, then read the specific category beginning with the Executive Office, Town manager/Selectmen, where a question was asked concerning any new positions. The Town Manager explained that the position of Data Processing Manager will be added. This person will be responsible for maintaining the data processing system which will be installed within the year, in the Accounting Office, Finance Office, and the Police Department. This person will also be responsible for maintaining the cur-

rent software/hardware system. The salary will be \$35,000 per year. Ed Hilliard questioned why wasn't the person and the system at the School Department being used. As far as he knew only the Town Clerk's Office had tied into the School's system. Has the person and the system already been chosen? No, nothing has been decided on. He expressed concerns about having the same person design and maintain a computer system. Felt that consultants should design the system and that a separate person should maintain the system. The Town Manager said that the School's system is full. He explained that the Computer Technology Study Committee had in fact checked all alternatives and felt that this position is needed. Joel Karp explained that for the past four to five years, he has been a volunteer data processing person at the Town Office building, and as of July 1st, he will no longer be available. The Town will have to make the provisions to have in-house expertise to do certain things. This is not a highly level person, basically it is an operational person. One who will make sure that systems are backed up. Make sure that 911 which was voted two years ago is done correctly. Make sure that there is someone on the Town Managers staff who will know that things are being done right. The School Department's position is level funded. Surrounding cities and towns have this position, it is greatly needed. The Moderator asked for more discussion. Hearing none he continued to read from the Personnel Board through Data Processing asking for discussion after each category. At the Assessors a question was asked about the Legal Services. The Town Manager explained that this is used for appellant tax cases. He continued to read to the Outlay account of the Registrars Department, where it was explained that outlay is generally the purchase of office equipment. He continued to read to line NMCOG, where it was explained that NMCOG stood for Northern Middlesex Council of Government. Formerly known as NEMAC. The Town is a member of this organization. This is to cover the expense of membership. He continued to read asking for discussion up to the Planning Board. Under Education a discussion took place. It was asked how much money is spent on salaries. Dr. Moser said that the amount shown does not reflect any increases that could occur from negotiations. If there would be any increase then cuts would be made within the budget or possibly an override will be sought. How much of an increase would there be. He couldn't really discuss any salary amounts, due to negotiations. Thomas Moran discussed the closing of the West Fire Station. He felt that the station should be re-opened and the extra money that the Town manager was giving to the School Department should be used instead towards the Fire Station. He asked how much money would

be needed to re-open the station? \$296,000., was the response. He explained the time needed from the station in North to cover the West area. People should realize that five minutes makes a difference. It's not just fires that the Stations respond to. The Fire Department responds to medical emergencies. He moved to take \$220,000 from Line 6 the School Department budget to the Fire Department expressly to be used for re-opening the West Fire Station. The Moderator asked for the Finance Committee's recommendation. The Finance Committee acknowledges that this is a very difficult area to discuss. The School Committee needs the money now in order to maintain their level of services, and therefore is against the motion to amend the School Budget. The Moderator asked the Board of Selectmen for their recommendation. The majority of the Board was against the motion to amend. The Moderator asked for a show of hands on the motion to amend the School Budget. Motion defeated. John Coppinger wanted to know how much is paid in salaries. Presently \$13.5 million dollars are paid in salaries alone out of the budget. The Moderator read the figure of Nashoba Tech. Where at Public Safety a discussion took place under the Fire Department. Thomas Moran moved to increase the Fire Department budget, under Public Safety line 8 by \$296,000. for the express purpose of re-opening the West Fire Station. It was questioned where would this money come from. Thomas Moran could not respond. The Moderator asked for the Finance Committee's recommendation. The Finance Committee was not in favor of the motion to amend. He asked for the Selectmen's recommendation. The majority of the Board of Selectmen without knowing where the funding would come from were not in favor of the motion to amend. The Moderator asked for a show of hands on the motion to amend. Motion defeated. He continued to read from Emergency Management through the Highway Division, asking for discussion after each. Under Street Lighting, Ed Hilliard wanted to know why there was an increase? Wasn't the use of Sodium Vapor Lamps vs. the Mercury Vapor Lamps saving money? The Town Manager explained that this is the cost of leasing lights at a cost of \$1500. per month. That an item under the capital budget will address future savings. The article will appropriate money to purchase 1000 sodium lights this first year. There are 2500 lights in town, eventually all will be replaced. The Moderator read the Waste Collection budget where it was asked about the increase. The Town Manager explained that this was the additional cost of the Spring leaf pickup. The Moderator continued to read from Sewer Division to the end of the Enterprise Funds, asking for discussion after each. He then read the Total Operating Budget figure of \$45,838,156.00. Thomas Welch wanted to

reduce each department budget by less than 1% which would result in raising the \$296,000. needed for opening the West Fire Station. He would be willing to go through each department and reduce the categories. The Town Manager was not in favor of this motion. Due to the fact that the School Department budget cannot be touched. As a result this would throw off the General Government side of the budget, where the makeup in funding would have to occur. Thomas Welch asked for a show of support on just discussing going through the budget again, line item by line item. If there wouldn't be any support, then he would withdraw his motion. The Moderator asked for a show of hands, the body was not in favor of further discussion. He withdrew his motion.

The Moderator explained that \$45,838,156 was the total operating budget. This figure will be reduced by receipts, \$464,900 from the enterprise fund, and \$472,000 from the sewer offset receipts, and \$1,300,000 from special revenue of the sewer bond. For an actual figure of \$43,601,256.

The Moderator explained that he had a motion from Selectman Jeffrey Brem, to divide Article 13 into two decisions.

One was to entertain a motion to raise and appropriate a certain sum of money to defray Town charges as recommended by the Town Manager representing a balanced budget.

The second was to entertain a motion to raise and appropriate certain sums of money to defray Town charges contingent upon passage of a referendum question under paragraph (g) of Section 59 of the General Laws.

Essentially the motion is to amend the main motion under Article 13 to have two separate votes. One will be to vote to amend the main motion. Then to vote a budget number without the override, then a vote will be taken of a budget number with the override. If the override doesn't pass a budget figure will be in place. Then contingent on the override passing, a budget figure will be in place. He asked for the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen's recommendation on the motion to amend. Both Boards were in favor. The Moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, motion carried, unanimously. He then asked for a vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$43,601,256 which included all receipts. The Moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, motion carried, unanimously. He then asked for a vote on the sum of \$1,560,453.00 to be raised and appropriated and the enterprise fund to be

decreased to 0.00 contingent on the passage of a referendum question under paragraph (g) of M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 21 (c) said sum to be added to the sum appropriated to Line Item #13, D.P.W. Expense under Article 13 of the 1992 Annual Town Meeting. The Town Manager explained that this is a contingency vote so that the Solid Waste Budget will be set. Depending upon the outcome of the override vote. This amount is remainder of the total cost of the first year of the trash contract. Already \$85,000.00 has been put into the D.P.W. budget. If the override passes then the D.P.W. budget will be increased by \$1,560,453. If it fails then the account figure would remain at \$85,000. The Finance Committee recommended the motion. The Board of Selectmen were in favor of the motion. The Moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, motion carried, unanimously. The Budget reads as follows:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

1. Personnel Services	\$ 892,036
2. Expenses	347,091
3. Out-of-State	2,300
4. Outlay	4,001
5. Legal Services	25,000
TOTAL	1,270,428

CHELMSFORD SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

6. Total Budget	23,048,115
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NASHOBA VALLEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

7. Total Budget	\$ 488,956
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PUBLIC SAFETY

8. Personnel Services	5,172,976
9. Expenses	391,002
10. Out-of-State	3,500
11. Outlay	25,500
TOTAL	5,592,978

PUBLIC WORKS

12. Personnel Services	911,386
13. Expenses	1,049,898
14. Out-of-State	1,500
15. Outlay	7,000
16. Snow & Ice	350,000
TOTAL	2,319,784

SEWER COMMISSION

17. Expense	55,000
18. Out-of-State	0
TOTAL	55,000

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

19. Personnel Services	144,693
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20. Expenses	691
21. Out-of-State	500
22. Outlay	4,000
TOTAL	149,884

COMMUNITY SERVICES

23. Personnel Services	279,946
24. Expenses	120,925
25. Out-of-State	0
26. Outlay	0
TOTAL	400,871

LIBRARY

27. Personnel Services	473,856
28. Expenses	195,716
29. Out-of-State	500
30. Outlay	0
TOTAL	670,072

UNDISTRIBUTED EXPENSES

31. Total Budget	4,334,825
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DEBT AND INTEREST

32. Principal	4,720,000
33. Interest	2,322,343
TOTAL	7,042,343

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

34. Expense	464,900
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Enterprise Receipts	464,900
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TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$45,838,156
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Reduced by Receipts:

Enterprise Fund	464,900
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Sewer Offset Receipts	472,000
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44,901,256

Reduced by Special Revenue:

Sewer Bond	1,300,000
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TOTAL RAISE AND APPROPRIATE	\$43,601,256
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UNDER ARTICLE 14 Town Manager Bernard Lynch moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate, the sum of \$25,000.00 for the purpose of providing Senior Citizen Real Estate Tax Payment Vouchers for services rendered, pursuant to an agreement to be formulated by the Council on Aging and approved by Town Manager.

The Town Manager explained that this is a program that originally started in Colorado. This would allow fifty senior citizens to work as part-time employees providing services for the Town. In return the Town would put \$500.00 directly towards their property tax. Its a way to draw resources, and for the Seniors to use their experiences. Marty Walsh, Direc-

tor of the Council on Aging, answered questions concerning the article. The Finance Committee recommended the article. A majority of the Board of Selectmen supported the intent but do not support the article at this time. Selectman DeFreitas spoke in favor of the article. The Moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, motion carried.

UNDER ARTICLE 15 Chairman of the Finance Committee, Dwight Hayward, moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$175,000.00 to be used as a Reserve Fund at the discretion of the Finance Committee, as provided in General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 6:

Dwight Hayward explained that this is a standard article. Money is put aside each year to handle emergency situations that may arise. The Moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 16 Selectman Jeffrey A. Brem moved that the Town vote to appropriate a certain sum of money for the following capital projects:

Cemetery Truck	\$ 22,000.00
Data Processing Hardware & Software	100,000.00
DPW Road Resurfacing	200,000.00
DPW Middlesex Road Canal Deck	60,000.00
DPW Sidewalk Construction	200,000.00
DPW Streetlights	235,317.00
Fire Breathing Apparatus	10,000.00
Fire Ramp Repaving Eng. 3,4,5	15,000.00
Police Portable Radios	25,000.00
Police Cruisers	64,000.00
School CHS Ext. Stairs	12,000.00
School Parker Roof Repairs	110,000.00
School CHS Gym Divider	10,000.00
School CHS Gym Floor	50,000.00
School CHS Lavatory Partition	10,000.00
School McCarthy Fire Alarms	30,000.00
School Interior Maintenance	15,000.00
School Stadium Seats/Press Box	30,000.00
HVAC Upgrades	51,029.00
TOTAL	\$1,249,346.00

and to see if the Town will vote, for the purpose of funding these obligations, to transfer and appropriate from the stabilization fund the sum of \$64,000.00; borrow the sum of \$1,080,611.61 and transfer and appropriate from unexpended proceeds of borrowed funds the total sum of \$104,734.39 from the following accounts:

1. Annual Town Meeting 1987 Article 15.

Library Building, the sum of \$200.60 and Article 17. Police Office Remodel, the sum of \$305.26.

2. Special Town Meeting 1989 Article 7. School Back Flow Valves, the sum of \$290.41.
3. Annual Town Meeting 1989 Article 10. Rte. 129 Study, the sum of \$6,573.07; School Septic, the sum of \$1,275.36; School Handicap Restroom, the sum of \$464.58; O.T.H. Chair Lift, the sum of \$19,813.36.
4. Special Town Meeting 1990 Article 3. School Student Furniture, the sum of \$1,288.93; School Tennis Courts, the sum of \$17,935.62.
5. Annual Town Meeting 1990 Article 8. School McCarthy Roof, the sum of \$48,657.00; Sewer Pick-Up Truck, the sum of \$295.00.
6. Annual Town Meeting 1991 Article 9. Sewer Truck, the sum of \$2,578.30; Cemetery Backhoe, the sum of \$5,056.90.

The Town Manager explained that extended scrutiny is done on behalf of the Capital Planning Committee, Finance Committee and Departments on preparing the figures for these items or projects. He discussed a number of the items shown, explaining the need for each one. The Finance Committee recommended the article. Norman LeBrecque raised a question concerning the street lights. The Town manager explained that \$67,000. goes to Mass. Electric for disconnection fee. The installation fee is \$72,000. Capital Cost is \$77,000. \$18,000. service fee. This would be for 905 lights. There are 128 streets would be affected. The result would be about a 14% decrease in illumination. The savings in payback would be in 5.4 years. The Town would own the lights, not be leasing from Mass. Electric. It would cost the Town approximately \$550,000. to do the whole Town at this time. The Moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 17 Selectman Jeffrey A. Brem moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for the purpose of funding the sand lease approved by the Town under Article 12 of the 1989 Annual Town Meeting.

Selectman Logan explained that this has been an ongoing contract since 1989, it saves the Town money. The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Moderator asked for a vote by way of a

show of hands, motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 18 Selectman Jeffrey A. Brem moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,000.00 to engage a private accounting firm to prepare an audit of all accounts in all departments in the Town of Chelmsford.

Selectman Logan explained that the firm of Brown and Barrett had won the bid and that is the firm who will be doing the audit. The Finance Committee was in favor of the article. Frank Miethe asked if there is a report filed at the completion. The Town Manager said that this past year's audit has just been completed a month ago and a report will be on file. The Moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, motion carried, unanimously.

The Moderator discussed the location of the Town Meetings. If the Representatives wanted to change the location, then they should contact the Town manager or himself before the fall meeting. John Coppinger said that his main complaint was that of comfort, due to the seating. He felt that the meetings should return to the McCarthy Auditorium. The Moderator knew that the only problem with that location was the availability of the microphone. The Moderator asked for a show of hands on the suggestion of the McCarthy Auditorium. Sue Olsen suggested the Senior Citizen Center. Again the complaint about the hard seats was mentioned. Mary Franz, Chairman of the School Committee said that the McCarthy School Auditorium is used at this time of the year for the High School Musical, therefore it would be unavailable for this time of the year. The Moderator suggested that perhaps other than the spring meeting, the McCarthy could be used. Barbara Ward said it mattered on what area the Town Meeting wanted to use, the Gym was available. The Moderator said that the concern was to use the comfortable seats of the Auditorium. Carl Olsson of the School Committee wanted to remind the body that Town Meeting takes preference over any activity. John Emerson questioned if the meeting has to be at McCarthy or is this

just a consideration of having the meeting at the McCarthy. The Moderator explained that he took a non-binding question. It is up the Selectmen in the end to choose the location.

UNDER ARTICLE 19 Selectman Jeffrey A. Brem moved that the Town vote to instruct the Board of Assessors to issue the sum of \$497,131.00 from Free Cash in the Treasury for the reduction of the tax rate.

The Town Manager explained that this is the amount of money available in free cash which will be used to balance the budget. He asked for support. The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, motion carried, unanimously.

Seeing that there was no further business at hand, Selectman Jeffrey A. Brem moved to adjourn the meeting. The Moderator asked for a show of hands, motion carried, unanimously. He reminded the Representatives that the Special Election will be on Wednesday, May 27th. The Polls will be open from 12 noon to 8:00 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Dennis E. McHugh
Moderator

Mary E. St. Hilaire
Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION MAY 27, 1992

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Pct. 8	Pct. 9	Total
BLANKS	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	7
YES	349	295	447	432	432	488	434	367	396	3640
NO	125	198	143	174	146	175	197	175	121	1454
TOTAL	477	493	590	606	579	664	631	544	517	5101

**TOWN WARRANT FOR
STATE PRIMARY ELECTION
SEPTEMBER 15, 1992**

MIDDLESEX, SS.

To the Constable of the Town of Chelmsford:

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to vote at:

Precinct 1: Town Office Building Gymnasium
Precinct 2: Harrington Elementary School Gymnasium
Precinct 3: Harrington Elementary School Gymnasium
Precinct 4: Westlands School Cafeteria
Precinct 5: Byam School Cafeteria
Precinct 6: Westlands School Cafeteria
Precinct 7: McCarthy Middle School, Small Gymnasium
Precinct 8: McCarthy Middle School, Small Gymnasium
Precinct 9: Town Office Building Gymnasium

On Tuesday the fifteenth day of September, 1992 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Primary for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS.....fifth Congressional District
COUNCILLORthird Councillor District
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT...fifth Mdlsx. Senatorial District
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL
COURT16th Mdlsx. Representative District
COUNTY SHERIFFMiddlesex County
COUNTY COMMISSIONER.....Middlesex County

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said election.

Given under our hands this 17th day of August, A.D. 1992.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF CHELMSFORD
William R. Logan, Chairman
Richard E. DeFreitas, Vice Chairman
Peter V. Lawlor, Clerk
Roger A. Blomgren
Jeffrey A. Brem

STATE PRIMARY TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1992

CANDIDATES DEMOCRAT

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Pct. 8	Pct. 9	Total
REPRESENTATIVE FOR CONGRESS										
Blanks	1	2	3	7	5	4	5	3	5	35
Chester G. Atkins	95	106	120	135	137	131	122	126	117	1089
Martin T. Meehan	297	312	317	331	325	328	275	305	205	2695
Write-Ins	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	5
Misc	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
TOTAL	394	422	441	474	467	463	403	435	328	3827

COUNCILLOR

Blanks	50	58	74	28	75	41	59	54	47	486
Robert B. Kennedy	246	289	281	256	303	255	273	314	179	2396
Michael J. O'Halloran	98	74	86	189	88	167	71	66	102	941
Write-Ins	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	3
Misc	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	394	422	441	474	467	463	403	435	328	3827

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Blanks	316	345	379	408	396	389	346	371	275	3225
Write-Ins	11	9	9	7	0	8	10	9	6	69
Misc	67	68	53	59	71	66	47	55	47	533
TOTAL	394	422	441	474	467	463	403	435	328	3827

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Blanks	322	359	386	416	418	405	358	384	290	3348
Write-Ins	10	5	9	6	0	4	8	5	5	52
Misc	52	58	46	52	49	54	37	46	33	427
TOTAL	394	422	441	474	467	463	403	435	328	3827

SHERIFF

Blanks	168	176	186	162	207	195	175	192	154	1615
John P. McGonigle	224	242	250	306	255	266	224	237	171	2175
Write-Ins	1	3	5	3	0	0	2	0	0	14
Misc	1	1	0	3	5	2	2	6	3	23
TOTAL	394	422	441	474	467	463	403	435	328	3827

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Blanks	210	181	226	201	231	200	189	191	179	1808
Edward J. Kennedy	164	199	177	244	167	204	150	196	113	1614
Thomas J. Larkin	103	125	110	126	131	116	95	122	105	1033
Leonard H. Golder	25	23	23	26	33	33	23	22	22	230
Albert J. Onessimo	13	15	16	23	20	13	24	19	16	159
Dennis J. Ready	232	252	280	287	303	313	278	257	177	2379
Adelle Schwalberg	41	49	50	41	48	47	47	62	42	427
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Misc	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	4
TOTAL	788	844	882	948	934	926	806	870	656	7654

CANDIDATES REPUBLICAN

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Pct. 8	Pct. 9	Total
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS										
Blanks	4	4	3	4	1	5	3	5	8	37
Michael G. Conway	87	84	88	109	112	116	114	114	110	934
Paul W. Cronin	70	61	60	50	57	84	70	61	78	591
Write-Ins	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Misc	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
TOTAL	161	149	151	164	171	205	187	181	196	1565

COUNCILLOR

Blanks	38	39	41	54	45	52	72	50	68	459
Vincent P. McLaughlin	120	109	108	108	124	152	114	130	126	1091
Write-Ins	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	5
Misc	1	1	1	1	2	0	1	1	2	10
TOTAL	161	149	151	164	171	205	187	181	196	1565

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Blanks	28	25	28	30	23	28	36	35	31	264
Lucille "Cile" P. Hicks	129	123	123	132	146	177	149	143	164	1286
Write-Ins	3	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	7
Misc	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	2	1	8
TOTAL	161	149	151	164	171	205	187	181	196	1565

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Blanks	22	23	24	30	32	27	34	27	32	251
Carol C. Clevon	133	124	126	132	137	177	150	150	159	1288
Write-Ins	5	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	4	14
Misc	1	1	0	1	2	0	2	4	1	12
TOTAL	161	149	151	164	171	205	187	181	196	1565

SHERIFF

Blanks	28	31	31	34	39	59	37	31	41	331
Gary Buxton	54	50	54	48	57	65	73	56	60	517
Michael J. Dever	57	45	44	57	56	55	50	66	75	505
Vincent Lawrence Dixon	22	23	21	24	19	26	27	28	19	209
Write-Ins	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Misc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	161	149	151	164	171	205	187	181	196	1565

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Blanks	135	140	143	151	167	195	173	154	191	1449
Anthony F. Ranieri	45	36	30	42	35	42	46	42	34	352
James P. Regan	77	59	61	67	76	87	79	87	91	684
Edward L. Weinberg	63	63	67	68	61	86	76	79	76	639
Write-Ins	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Misc	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
TOTAL	322	298	302	328	342	410	374	362	392	3130

CANDIDATES INDEPENDENT VOTERS

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Pct. 8	Pct. 9	Total
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REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

All Others	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Blanks	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
TOTAL	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5

COUNCILLOR

All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
TOTAL	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

All Others	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Blanks	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
TOTAL	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

All Others	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Blanks	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
TOTAL	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5

SHERIFF

All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
TOTAL	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	8	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	10
TOTAL	0	8	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	10

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OCTOBER 19, 1992

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by the Moderator Dennis E. McHugh, at the McCarthy Middle School Auditorium. The Moderator recognized the presence of a quorum, there were 150 Town Meeting Representatives present.

Prior to calling the meeting to order the Moderator had pointed out the fire exits and explained the meeting's procedures. He noted that there were no required reports to be made from the spring meeting.

The Moderator asked for a moment of silence for Donald Smith, who was a former Selectman, who had passed away in July. And for Raymond Day, who had passed away a week ago. Mr. Day had been an active member of the Town's Celebration Committee, and the Civil Defense Committee.

Selectman Jeffrey Brem, moved that the reading of the Constable's return of service and the posting of the warrant be waived. It was so voted, unanimously, by show of hands. Selectman Jeffrey Brem moved that the reading of the entire warrant be waived. It was so voted, unanimously, by show of hands.

UNDER ARTICLE 1 Catherine Brown, moved that the Town vote to form a Committee to study the feasibility of forming a Town Meeting Members Association, and if such an Association is deemed feasible, to propose by-laws for said Association.

The purpose of a Town Meeting Members Association would be for members to acquaint themselves more fully with the facts necessary for intelligent decisions and to assist in any other constructive way in the government of Chelmsford.

The Committee will consist of one Town Meeting representative from each precinct. The Committee will submit its recommendations to the April 1993 Town Meeting.

Catherine Brown explained the purpose of the article. Since Representative Town Meeting started over two years ago this form of Government was doing well. However, she felt that the Representatives needed to be more informed in order to vote on issues. The Charter mentions that a committee may be formed for the purpose of reviewing warrant articles. Which is why this article has been proposed. It would be treated like the prior Rules Committee. A member from each precinct would be chosen, and meetings will be held prior to the Town Meeting and the Representative will report back to the other 17 Representatives the results of any discussions or information available on the articles. The Town of Lexington has an association and produces positive results.

Questions were raised and answered. A discussion took place. The Finance Committee was not in favor of this article. A majority of the Board of Selectmen were not in favor of the article. The Moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, motion defeated.

UNDER ARTICLE 2 Selectman Jeffrey Brem moved to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$5,500.00 from Line Item 13 Public Works Expenses for the purpose of funding Line Item 19 Cemetery Commission Personnel Services Account.

Bernard Lynch, Town Manager explained that this article is to fund the contract negotiations for the Cemetery Department. The Highway Division has money within the budget. This reflects a 3% increase for this year and a 4% for the next two. He stated that the elimination of sick time buy-back and the longevity issues had been dealt with. There would be a capping on the current employees. The results of this negotiation would save the Town between \$75,000. to \$100,000. over the term of fifteen to twenty years. He asked for support of the article. The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen were in favor of the article. The Moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, motion carried.

UNDER ARTICLE 3 Samuel Poulten moved that the Town vote to accept the provisions of Section 12 of Chapter 188 of the Acts of 1985, the School Improvement Act, in relation to the equal education opportunity grant in the amount of \$17,207. for the Nashoba Valley Technical High School for the 1992-1993 school year.

Samuel Poulten, a member of the Nashoba School Committee explained the article. The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee supported the article. The Moderator asked for a show of hands, motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 4 Selectman Jeffrey Brem moved that the Town vote to accept the provisions of Section 48 of Chapter 133 of the Acts of 1992, an Act concerning Early Retirement Incentive.

Bernard Lynch, Town Manager explained that this would allow the Town to offer an early retirement incentive to the employees. This is what corporations have been doing. The plan would be to down size by either eliminating positions, or bring in people at a reduced pay scale to fill positions, consolidate offices if necessary, a savings would be seen. He feels that there may be at least thirty people who may take advantage of this on the Town side. This law does not include any school department personnel. In order to be eligible an employee must be 55 years of age and ten years of service, or no age requirement and twenty years of service. The incentive is five years would be added to age or years of service to the

employee. Or the employee could choose to split the five years in a way that would be beneficial to them.

Ed Hilliard asked the time frame. The Manager explained that special legislation is needed which will take place later in the year, because the Town is a member of the Middlesex County Retirement. There is a slight discrepancy in the law which affects the funding. Once this is taken care of, there is a time factor of forty-five days. The Board of Selectmen must officially vote to accept this process, then clock starts running and any employee must file their papers, within the forty-five days. Everything must be completed by July 15, 1993. So the process must start no later than June 1st. He anticipated having it in place for the 1994 budget.

Joel Karp asked what was the cost factor. The Manager explained that between \$100,000. to \$125,000. would be spent. The result would be over a fifteen year span a savings of \$250,000. is anticipated. The employees with many years in service are paid a higher percentage at the time of retirement. New hired employees would be paid less. Surrounding towns are accepting this law. A discussion took place. The Moderator asked for the Finance Committee's recommendation, the Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. The Moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, motion carried.

UNDER ARTICLE 5 James Good, Chairman of the Planning Board, moved that the Town vote to amend the zoning by-law under Article I Administration and Procedure Section 1300 Board of Appeals Subsection 1322 as follows:

From:

1322. To hear and decide appeals or petitions for the variances from the terms of this by-law with respect to particular land or structures. Such variance shall be granted only in case of where the Board of Appeals find all of the following:

To:

1322. To hear and decide appeals or petitions for the variances from the terms of this by-law, including variances for use, with respect to particular land or structures. Such variance shall be granted only in case of where the Board of Appeals find all of the following:

James Good, Chairman of the Planning Board read the Board's recommendation. The Planning Board held a public hearing on the above mentioned article on September 9, 1992. At that meeting, the Planning Board closed the Public Hearing and voted (6-1) in favor of recommending to Town Meeting a zoning change in the zoning by-laws under Section 1322 as written in the warrant for the Fall Annual

Town Meeting, 1992.

Donald Ayer asked if this article will affect any of the articles appearing after this article. James Harrington Town Counsel, explained that this article will allow the Board of Appeals to grant Use Variances. According to the present zoning by-laws, they are not allowed to do so, the Board had this option in the past. He explained the difference between a Special Permit, Variance, both are granted by the Board of Appeals, and a Use Variance. A Special Permit if granted is allowed only as long as the petitioner is owner of the property. A Variance deals with the dimensions of the property, setbacks of sideyards, frontage etc. A Use Variance is to allow the (Zoning) Use of the property to be changed. Either Variance once granted is a permanent change to the land. He gave an example. If a property is zoned for one specific use and a petitioner wants to change it to another use, the Board of Appeals previously was allowed to view this matter and make sure a hardship does in fact exist and that all requirements are met and if so vote to allow the change to take place. When did the Board of Appeals lose the right to stop granting Use Variances?

James Good explained that this was eliminated in the 1986 Masterplan. What has been done since then? Town Counsel explained that now the only way someone would be allowed to change the use of the land is to come to the Planning Board and petition for a zoning change. Regardless of the size of the parcel of land. A public hearing is conducted and the Planning Board makes a recommendation, but before the petitioner can begin anything, an additional vote must be done at Town Meeting, then it is sent to the Attorney General for approval. This is known as spot zoning. If the process is done through the Board of Appeals as in the past, the neighbors concerns are expressed and taken into consideration by the Board of Appeals. After a decision is made and filed by the Board of Appeals there is a twenty-one day appealing process. Anyone can file with the court system an appeal, and the court could over turn the decision if just cause is found. However, once a zoning change is voted by the Town Meeting Body, there is no appeal process and the change is done. Robert Kydd, Chairman of the Board of Appeals explained why the Board felt that this article should be approved. More discussion took place. The Finance Committee recommended the article. A majority of the Board of Selectmen recommended the article. James Creegan, member of the Planning Board spoke against the article, and made a presentation. He felt that major policy changes shouldn't be made to handle limited circumstances. He felt that all elected officials which includes the Town Meeting Representatives shouldn't be eliminated from the process in making a decision. There is a potential to over commercialize the Town in the future, which is one of his biggest concerns. He asked that the article be defeated. Donald Ayer spoke

against the article. He felt that there are areas in the Westlands which could be affected by a Use Variance. The Moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, motion defeated.

UNDER ARTICLE 6 Barry Bell moved that the Town vote to authorize the Selectmen to petition the Legislature to enact the following legislation:

Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the Town of Chelmsford is hereby authorized to provide the same health insurance coverage to an elected or appointed official of said Town, whether or not said official receives compensation for such position, as is provided to other town employees; provided, however, that if such an elected or appointed official, who is not a municipal employee, elects to participate in the health insurance plan of said town, he shall pay one hundred percent of the cost of such health insurance coverage. Said Town may authorize the payment of a stipend for any such elected or appointed position, if it deems it necessary to effectuate the intent of this section.

Provided further that the Legislature may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation with the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.

Barbara Quinn the proponent of the article explained the purpose of the article. She wanted to file a homerule petition. This would enable all elected and appointed officials a chance to join the Town's group health plan. It will not cost the Town any money. The person pays all costs, 100%. They would be allowed a lower premium rate by being in a group rather than pay a higher individual rate. A discussion took place. Concerns were expressed that if this was allowed then individuals may be eligible for other benefits such as retirement. Town Counsel explained that this would not entitle anyone to retirement benefits, only a lower rate for insurance premiums. A discussion took place. The Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen were against the article. The Moderator asked for a show of hands, motion defeated.

UNDER ARTICLE 7 Dennis Ready moved that the Town vote to amend the zoning by-law under Article II District Regulations Section 2300 Use Regulations Schedule as follows:

Under the category of Restaurant, areas zoned IA (Limited Industrial District) a change from O (an excluded or prohibited use) to BA (a use authorized under special permit from the Board of Appeals).

Dennis Ready explained the article. This would allow restaurant uses allowed by a Special Permit issued by the Board of Appeals, in the areas zoned Limited Industrial District. This would allow restaur-

rants to operate in Industrial zones. He showed a presentation which outlined all the industrial zones that this amendment would affect. He felt that many of the industrial areas needed to have a restaurant in their immediate area. It would encourage more businesses to move into the industrial area if they were able to have a shared cafeteria which could also be termed as a restaurant. Questions were asked concerning what is termed a restaurant. Could any fast food place be considered a restaurant. Yes it could be, however the Board of Appeals would make the decision. Donald Ayer questioned the neighborhood areas that have IA zone located in them. Turnpike Road and Riverneck Road. Again the Board of Appeals would make the decision. A number of questions were asked and answered concerning the areas involved, the possibility of obtaining liquor licenses. Concerns were expressed about the Board of Appeals granting or not granting the Special Permit. If they do not grant to a fast food restaurant even though the petitioner meets all the requirements what could happen. James Harrington, Town Counsel, explained that Town could be taken to court and in fact the decision could be reversed and a fast food restaurant could open. The Finance Committee recommended against the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended against the article. James Good read the Planning Board's recommendation. The Planning Board held a Public Hearing on the above mentioned article on September 9, 1992. At that meeting, the Board voted to approve (4-2) the zoning by-law change with the following changes and amendments:

1. Eliminate the entire category of Retail Stores and Services.
2. Eliminate the entire category of Indoor Commercial Recreation and;
3. Change under the category of Restaurant from P4 (permitted use, except "BA" if resulting in more than 10,000 sq. feet gross floor area devoted to business uses on the premises) to BA (Board of Appeals Approval).

Attorney Joseph Shanahan representing twenty to thirty business people in the center area spoke against the article. In these economic hard times, the business people felt that this zoning change would be unjust to them at this time. The low occupancy of the buildings in the route 129 industrial area were starting to turn around. The businesses in the center had in fact been effected with the slow down and now felt their businesses soon would pick up, due to interest in this industrial area starting again. He in fact represented a major business who is moving into this industrial area, and they did not express any concerns whatsoever about there not being any type of restaurant available in the immediate area for their use. They felt that what is presently located within the area would serve them well.

Roger Blomgren made a motion to move the question. The Moderator asked for a show of hands on the motion to stop debate. Motion carried, unanimously. He then asked for a vote by way of a show of hands on the article as presented. Motion defeated.

The Moderator started to read Article 8. Selectman Logan made a point of order. He said that the Board of Selectmen wanted to postpone the article until after Article 18. The Moderator explained that once he was done reading the article, he would acknowledge Selectman Logan's request. He continued to read the article. Chairman Logan then explained that the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission had received numerous phone calls and felt that the discussion was going to be longer than forty minutes. Due to the anticipated discussion it was felt that it would be best to take the article out of order and address it after Article 18. The Finance Committee was against the motion to take the article out of order. Selectman DeFreitas stated that he was personally against postponing discussion. He asked if the Chairman would consider making the article the first one acted upon when the Town Meeting reconvenes next Monday, October 26th. The Chairman agreed. Selectman Jeffrey Brem moved to postpone Article 8 to be taken up as the first order of business at the adjourned session of Town Meeting, of October 26th. The Finance Committee questioned if the meeting was going to adjourn because Article 9's discussion could in fact be longer than forty minutes. No answer could be given. The Finance Committee was in favor of postponing Article 8. The Moderator asked for a show of hands on the motion to postpone Article 8. Motion carried. Barry Balan then moved to adjourn the Town Meeting until Monday, October 26, 1992 at 7:30 p.m. at the McCarthy Middle School Auditorium. The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen were in favor of the motion to adjourn. The Moderator asked for a show of hands on the motion to adjourn, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Dennis E. McHugh
Moderator

Mary E. St. Hilaire
Town Clerk

TOWN WARRANT FOR STATE ELECTION NOVEMBER 3, 1992

MIDDLESEX, SS.

To the Constable of the Town of Chelmsford:

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are

hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to vote at:

Precinct 1:	Town Office Building Gymnasium
Precinct 2:	Harrington Elementary School Gymnasium
Precinct 3:	Harrington Elementary School Gymnasium
Precinct 4:	Westlands School Cafeteria
Precinct 5:	Byam School Cafeteria
Precinct 6:	Westlands School Cafeteria
Precinct 7:	McCarthy Middle School, Small Gymnasium
Precinct 8:	McCarthy Middle School, Small Gymnasium
Precinct 9:	Town Office Building Gymnasium

On Tuesday the third of November, 1992 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

1) To cast their votes in the State Election for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

ELECTORS OF THE PRESIDENT

AND VICE PRESIDENTfor the Commonwealth
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESSCongressional District
COUNCILLORCouncillor District
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT ...fifth Mdlsx. Senatorial District
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL
COURT16th Mdlsx. Representative District
COUNTY SHERIFFMiddlesex County
COUNTY COMMISSIONER.....Middlesex County

2) To vote on the following questions:

- #1. Tax on Cigarettes and Smokeless Tobacco
- #2. Public Reporting of Corporate Tax Information
- #3. Requiring Reduced, Reusable or Recyclable Packaging
- #4. Tax on Oils and Hazardous Materials

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said election.

Given under our hands this 14th day of October, A.D. 1992.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF CHELMSFORD
William R. Logan, Chairman
Richard E. DeFreitas, Vice Chairman
Peter V. Lawlor, Clerk
Roger A. Blomgren
Jeffrey A. Brem

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OCTOBER 26, 1992

The Adjourned Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by the Moderator Dennis E. McHugh, at the McCarthy Middle School Auditorium. The Moderator recognized the presence of a quorum, there were 140 Town Meeting Representatives present. He then read a few announcements concerning absentee voting for the November 3rd election, and the hours for Halloween on October 31st.

UNDER ARTICLE 8 Selectman Jeffrey Brem moved that the Town vote to amend the General Bylaws Article VI Police Regulations Section 22 Prohibition of Trapping by Means of the Leghold and Conibear Trap by deleting Section 22 which reads as follows in its entirety:

SECTION 22 PROHIBITION OF TRAPPING BY MEANS OF THE LEGHOLD AND CONIBEAR TRAP

1. It shall be prohibited and unlawful for any person to set, trigger, activate, or otherwise use or cause to be set, triggered, activated or used any type or modification of any steel jawed, leghold trap including the soft catch trapping system, or any form of jaw trap or conibear trap, for the capture of any animal.
2. The definitions set forth in General Law Chapter 131, Section 1 of "to trap", as said act applies to fur bearing mammals, are incorporated herewithin.
3. The Police Department and or Animal Control Officer of Chelmsford shall be authorized to enforce this by-law pursuant to Article 1 of Town of Chelmsford General By-laws.
4. The fine for each violation of this section shall be Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00), with each violation constituting a separate offense. Said violations shall be punishable as provided in Article 1 of Town of Chelmsford By-laws.
5. Notwithstanding the provisions of this by-law, the Conservation Commission or their authorized agents may use such traps and may destroy any fur-bearing mammals subject to regulation herein, if the Conservation Commission determines that such animals pose a substantial present or potential hazard to public health, welfare, safety, or to the environment.

Selectman Peter Lawlor spoke about the article. In prior years trapping was allowed in Town, now trapping is presently allowed in the Town only with the permission of the Conservation Commission. Susan Olsen asked what has the Conservation Commission done in maintaining the control of the beaver population? Susan Carter, Chairman of the Conservation Commission explained that up until recently there has not been much activity by the Conservation Commission in regards to the issue. The Friends of the Animal Association had come forward and did presentations, and offered assistance, but nothing has been done to solve the problem. Since coming on the Board a year ago, there has been two meetings and the Board tried to reach solutions with the residents and the state. The Board voted to allow duly licensed trappers as its agents to trap beavers with the Town between November 15, 1992 and February 28, 1993 subject to having written permission of the landowner. Beaver pipes have been installed at some sites. Sue Olsen then asked the Friends of the Animals what they have done to help the Town with this problem. Kathleen Hillman came forward and said that she was not speaking for the Friends of the Animals. She would try to explain their position. They were not here tonight, they have to come from New Jersey. As long as the by-law exists, they offer support and financial support if necessary. A letter was available explaining some of the people and the obstacles they had encountered when they did come to Chelmsford. Questions were raised about the state's trapping rules and regulations, in regards to raccoons. The Conservation Commission was not in favor of deleting the by-law, they believed that if they allowed control trapping on a yearly basis when necessary as it was for this year, that this would eventually bring a solution to the problem. It would allow landowners the right to grant permission to have trappers come onto their property where a problem exists during the trapping seasons. Questions were raised concerning the safety of the water wells. Ronald Wetmore Center Water Commissioner, said that a problem still does exist. A question was asked about the court injunction concerning the use certain traps. Susan Carter said that a representative from the State Office was present and could answer any questions. Dr. Robert DeBlinger, Director of Wildlife Research of Mass. Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, came forward. The Moderator asked the Town Meeting Representatives for a vote by way of a show of hands, in order to allow Dr. DeBlinger to speak before the Body. Motion carried. Dr. DeBlinger explained that there was litigation regarding the soft catch trap. In 1990 a Middlesex Superior Court Judge refrained the operation of regulation governing use of the soft catch trap. A question was asked about the leghold trap. The leghold trap is used only for trapping under water. Susan Gates asked if this by-law is deleted what happens. Sue Carter explained that once this by-law is eliminated then the State has control through twenty-three different laws on trapping. The Town

will have no say whatsoever. Dr. DeBlinger answered more questions from the Town Meeting Representatives. Kathleen Hillman asked why in the Western part of the state where trapping was allowed according to statistics there was a lot more complaints about beaver problems. Dr. DeBlinger explained that she was comparing many towns in the Western part of the State. When you look at the town by town list of complaints, Chelmsford is the highest. Selectman Blomgren wanted to hear from the Board of Health about the problem. Richard Day, Director of the Board of Health, said that at this time no public health emergency has been declared. Dr. DeBlinger explained that most trappers will not go into an area to trap if any type of by-law exists, regardless if the Conservation Commission or the owner of the land grants permission. Susan Carter explained that if the landowner has a problem with a beaver dam that permission from the state must be given before a dam can be broken. If this by-law is eliminated then people must post their property in order to avoid any type of trapping on it. Sue Olsen asked what has the State done to help the situation. There are seventeen different sites that the State had evaluated. Beaver pipes were recommended for four of the sites, nine permits to break beaver dams have been issued. More questions were asked. The Moderator asked for different committees recommendations. Cheryl Boss, Chairman of the Finance Committee, said that the Committee voted at their meeting prior to the Town Meeting to withdraw their recommendation because they didn't realize at the time of their original vote, the Conservation Commission had not made their recommendation known, and they wanted to hear all the information. The Board of Selectmen were not in favor of the article. The Conservation Commission was not in favor of the article. David McLachlan a member of the Conservation Commission explained that he has been on the Board for four years, and that the present by-law was in effect during this time. It's purpose he believes was for homerule control of trapping laws, and possible concerns of the philosophy of trapping itself. Last year the problems with beavers came to the attention of the Conservation Commission. The Board then seriously started to address the issue. The solution that the Commission is offering is only a start, but he feels that the Town should allow the Commission to attempt to resolve the issue by granting permission to trappers, rather than eliminate the by-law completely. He asked for defeat of the article. Sue Olsen spoke in favor of the article. She felt that the Conservation Commission has had plenty of time and opportunity to control the situation and this has not been done. Bradford Emerson made a motion to move the question and stop debate. The Moderator asked for a show of hands which left the Chair in doubt. A $\frac{2}{3}$'s or unanimous vote is needed. The following tellers came forward and conducted a hand count:

Jean Organ, Patricia Plank, Dorothy Frawley and

Lucy Simonian. The result was yes 74 No 40 $\frac{2}{3}$'s is 76, the motion is defeated and the debate continued.

Harry Foster spoke in favor of the article. A number of High School students came forth and spoke against the article. Joseph Paolilli asked permission to allow Bill André of the Trapper's Association to speak. The Moderator asked for a show of hands, motion carried. Bill André then explained the trappers views. He said that the Trappers Association members would not go into any town which was not under the sole guidance of the State's rules and regulations. These are strictly the only rules that the association maintains and follows. More discussion took place. A number of Representatives spoke in favor of the article. Dr. DeBlinger was asked for the State's recommendation on the matter. He read a statement which said that the by-law should be eliminated. There are twenty-three State laws all ready in effect that had cited specific rules and regulations in regards to trapping beavers. The State also felt that the use of beaver pipes should be implemented as another means of control. More discussion took place. Michael Anthony made a motion to move the question to stop debate. Kathleen Hillman wanted the body to realize that another speaker was now available to speak. The Moderator explained to her that the only motion he could entertain at the moment was the motion to stop debate. If the body wanted to hear more information then they could defeat the motion to stop debate and continue with the discussion. The Moderator asked for a show of hands on the motion to stop debate, which must be either a unanimous or $\frac{2}{3}$'s vote. After a few attempts, the motion carried, unanimously. The Moderator asked for a show of hands on the article, motion carried.

UNDER ARTICLE 9 James Good, Chairman of the Planning Board, moved that the Town vote to amend the existing Town of Chelmsford Zoning Map by removing the following described property consisting of 21.802 acres of land on Mill Road from Limited Industrial District (IA) and placing said property in a Residential Multi-Family District (RM). (See Meets and Bounds Description and Plan of Land attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

Commencing at a point on the Easterly sideline of Mill Road, being the zone line between the RB zone and Zone IA; thence

Southeasterly 1129.22 feet to a point, being the Town Line as shown on the 1954 State Highway Layout; thence, in two courses, 931.18 feet to a point, being Route 3 on the State Highway layout of 1954; thence,

Northwesterly in two courses, 599.34 feet to a point, thence,

Westerly 391.48 feet to a point on the South-easterly side of Mill Road, thence,

Southwesterly along the southeasterly side line of Mill Road to the point of beginning.

The herein described parcel of land containing 21,802 acres of land and being shown as Lot 2 (10.470 acres), Lot 3 (10.780 acres) and proposed Quorum Way (0.552 acres) on a plan entitled "Subdivision Plan of Land in Chelmsford, MA prepared for Raymond A. & Barbara F. Carye, revised May 7, 1984 and approved by the Chelmsford Planning Board on July 12, 1984; or act in relation thereto.

Attorney James Geary stated he was representing the McBride and Wildes families known as HRM McBride Associates. He introduced the members present, Bob, Jack and Ann McBride, Bob Wildes, Mike Salmon, Marketing, and Scott Parker, Architect. He asked that they be granted permission to speak from time to time if necessary about the article. The Moderator asked for a show of hands, motion carried. Attorney Geary went on to explain the article. The McBride and Wildes family has been building homes and apartments in Chelmsford since the 1950's. Bob McBride and Bob Wildes would be the principal buyers of the land from Raymond and Barbara Carye. Presently this would involve twenty-two acres of land off of Mill Road which abuts Route 3. Also three acres located in Billerica which can only be accessed through this land. It would contain eighty-six units of single detached homes. The permit process would begin in early 1993, and hopefully completed by the middle of the year. And then construction would start, an approximate construction time was one and half years. Everything should be in place and occupied by 1996. Due to present zone being industrial and no prospect for the zone it was felt that this was a good alternative. Due to the land directly abutting residential homes this too is a consideration. After talking with the neighborhood it was found that this choice was favored. There would be less noise, less impact to the environment, be able to preserve the present stream and keep ten acres of open space available. The developer would bear the cost of the twelve inch water pipe into the site. There would be no significant cost to the Town. The streets and sidewalks will be maintained by the complex. A culdesac would be built to accommodate the School Buses. This will be done on the private part of the road. The streets will be five hundred feet long. The lot size is 56' x 90'. The cost would be \$125,000. to \$150,000. The average purchase price would be \$130,000. Scott Parker made a presentation showing the overhead view of the property, the individual homes, and the open area. The Moderator asked for the Finance Committee's recommendation. Due to a tie vote and there being a missing member, the Board could not make a recommendation at this time. The majority of the Board of Selectmen were in favor of the article.

James Good read the Planning Board's recommendation:

The Planning Board held a Public Hearing on the above mentioned article on September 9, 1992. At that meeting, the public hearing was closed. On September 23, 1992 at a regularly scheduled meeting, the Planning Board voted unanimously (6-0) (one member absent) to recommend the Zoning Map change of 21.802 acres from Limited Industrial (IA) to Residential Multi-Family (RM) to Town Meeting.

A discussion began. Ed Hilliard questioned the size of the lot. Cheryl Warshafsky questioned the need for another condo complex. She felt that once these units are built, if not all the units are filled then the people occupying must pay the association fee's. There now are a few complexes who are having financial problems and the fee's are not being made and the buildings aren't being maintained. Questions were asked concerning the number of school children who may go into the system, the South Row School is near maximum capacity now. It was mentioned in the presentation that approximately forty children would be expected. Dr. Moser explained this was a low figure to use and said what the projected impact could be. More discussion took place concerning the fact that eighty-six units were going to be on in reality only twelve acres of land. A number of Representatives spoke against the article. Dennis Ready moved the question to stop debate. The Moderator asked if there was any need to hear further debate. Hearing none he asked for a vote on the article by way of a show of hands, motion defeated.

Selectman Jeffrey Brem moved to adjourn the meeting until Thursday, October 29, at 7:30 p.m. at the McCarthy Middle School Auditorium. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Dennis E. McHugh
Moderator

Mary E. St. Hilaire
Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OCTOBER 29, 1992

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by the Moderator Dennis E. McHugh, at the McCarthy Middle School Auditorium. The Moderator recognized the presence of a quorum, there were 123 Town Meeting Representatives present.

Selectman Jeffrey Brem, moved that the reading of the Constable's return of service and the posting of the warrant be waived. It was so voted, unanimously, by show of hands. Selectman Jeffrey Brem moved that the reading of the warrant be waived. It was so voted, unanimously, by show of hands.

UNDER ARTICLE 1 The Moderator read the article to the body. Town Manager Bernard Lynch moved to see if the Town would vote to raise and appropriate or transfer and appropriate from available funds, a certain sum of money for the purpose of funding line item 8 Public Safety Salary Account; or act in relation thereto. Selectman Jeffrey Brem moved to withdraw the article. The Town manager Bernard Lynch explained. The purpose was to transfer money for the funding of the Fire Contract. The money now will be taken out of the present budget. Due to the prior contract certain monies had been built into this year's budget. Now that the new contract had been negotiated there is extra money available. He explained the different changes. The elimination of triple time for holidays is now back to double time. Longevity has been changed to a flat amount not a percentage. The issue of sick time buy-back has been addressed. Also the elimination of the minimal manning clause. There will not be as much money paid in overtime. This is a three year contract. This year a one-time bonus payment of \$750.00 for buy-back of benefits will not be added to the base. Next year will reflect a 4% increase and the following year a 5% increase.

The Moderator asked for the Finance Committee's recommendation on the motion to withdraw the article. The Finance Committee recommended the motion. The Moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands on the motion, motion carried.

The Moderator adjourned the Special Town Meeting seeing that there was no further business at hand at 7:50 p.m., and proceeded with the Adjourned Annual Town Meeting. He made a few announcements again concerning the hours for Halloween and absentee voting.

UNDER ARTICLE 10 Selectman Jeffrey Brem moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B for consideration to be determined, all right, title and interest, if any held by the Town, in a certain parcel of land off Dalton Road, shown as Lot 17 on Assessor's Map 94, containing 24,390 square feet more or less and more fully described in the Final Decree of the Land Court dated November 26, 1991 and recorded in the Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Book 5793, Page 265.

Town Manager Bernard Lynch, explained the article. The land is off of Linwood Street. It is a landlock parcel of land. It is 24,000 sq. feet with an assessed value of \$17,600.00. He would notify the abutters of the availability of the land. He had on file some letters of interest already concerning the land. It would go to the highest bidder. The Moderator asked for the

Finance Committee's recommendation. The Finance Committee recommended the article, as did the Board of Selectmen. The Moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 11 Selectman Jeffrey Brem, moved to vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B, for consideration to be determined, all right, title and interest, if any held by the Town, in a certain parcel of land on Main Street. Shown as Lot 11 Assessor's Map 196, containing 3,030 square feet more or less and more fully described in a deed recorded in the Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Book 2224, Page 3761.

Town Manager Bernard Lynch explained that there were already two parties of interest concerning this land, which abuts Main Street and Leedberg Street. It has an assessed value of \$4,900.00. There are no buildings on the land. It will go through either the bidding process or auction. Both the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen were in favor of the article. The Moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands. Motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 12 Selectman Jeffrey Brem moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 30B, for consideration to be determined, all right, title and interest, if any held by the town in a certain parcel of land off Billerica Road, shown as Lot 58 on Assessor's Map 129, containing 9,158 square feet more or less and described in the Final Decree of the Land Court dated June 15, 1984 and recorded in the Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Book 2854, Page 194.

Town Manager Bernard Lynch explained that this is land locked property off of Billerica Road and abuts Grove Street. It has an assessed value of \$30,800.00. It will be put out to competitive bid. The Finance Committee recommended the article. The Board of Selectmen recommended the article. The Town Manager said that there was a right of way into the land. The Moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 13 John Emerson moved that the Town vote to release all its right, title and interest in the unconstructed portions of the following streets and ways shown as Ninth Avenue, Tenth Avenue, Eleventh Avenue, Twelfth Avenue, Thirteenth Avenue, Fourteenth Avenue, and three unnamed streets sometime known as Florence Road, Marion Road, and Murphy Street all as shown on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Building Lots, Crystal Lake Park, North Chelmsford" dated May 1926, and revised October, 1926 and May, 1927 by Brooks Jordan and Graves, Engineers and recorded in Middle-

sex North District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 50 Plan 85. Meaning and intending to release those portions of said streets and ways as now contained within a subdivision known as Crystal Estates as shown on a plan of land entitled "Definitive Plan of Land in Chelmsford, Mass. of Crystal Estates" dated July 24, 1987 by Robert M. Gill and Associates Inc. Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors and recorded in Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 168, Plan 68.

Attorney John Coddair, representing the Lawyers Title Insurance co. explained the article. The purpose was to ask the Town to give up any claim that the Town had concerning streets that were never constructed, they only appear on paper, commonly known as paper streets. This article is to clear up a possible title problem. These streets are located on a plan entitled Crystal Estates Subdivision, dated 1926. Which is located off of Twiss Road via to Waterford Place, a street that was accepted half way down as an accepted street last year at town meeting. Located there is the nineteen lot subdivision. Already nine houses have been built and are occupied. Due to the title description listing the meets and bounds of these paper streets unless waivers are obtained, whoever owns the lots have the right of passage over the land. There are four lots that are Town owned due to tax title. He had waivers from the residents in the area. Now he was asking the Town to waive its rights. Questions were asked concerning the waivers. Did Attorney Coddair actually have signed waivers from the residents? Yes he did. Cheryl Boss of the Finance Committee tried to clarify the request. All the Town was doing was giving up rights to something that does not exist physically only on paper. If someone was to go out and view the area all they would find was grass, trees, and houses, etc. on the property now. This was exactly so. More discussion took place. Had the site plan approval been met? Jim Pearson, Town Engineer said that all requirements had been met. The Moderator asked for the Finance Committee's recommendation. The Finance Committee had no recommendation. The Board of Selectmen were in favor of the article. The Moderator attempted for a unanimous vote by a show of hands. This failed, the following tellers came forward and counted a hand count. Dorothy Frawley, Patricia Plank, Lucy Simonian and Jean Horgan. A $\frac{2}{3}$'s vote is required, the result was Yes 93 No 3, the motion carried.

UNDER ARTICLE 14 Selectman Jeffrey Brem moved to waive the reading of this article. James Sousa, Deputy Fire Chief, came forward and explained that the wording of this article was exactly from the State's Fire Preventions Regulations. Which is law. If any attempt is made to amend or change it then it will run the possibility of not being accepted. The Moderator asked for vote to waive the reading by a show of hands on the motion. Motion carried.

James Sousa then explained the purpose of the article. By having the Town accept the present State's Regulations, as a by-law this would enable the actual enforcement of the law at a local level. A discussion took place. Questions were asked concerning Section 14 Fire Permits. Bernard Ready moved to delete Section 14 Fire Permits in its entirety. He felt that this may be too restrictive, he questioned who was to decide what was considered a hazard and issue fines. Deputy Sousa explained that good sense would be used in making any type of determination. He explained that there certainly are instances where he has answered a complaint made by a resident about a neighbor's pile of brush, and did indeed find a hazard. Or he has gone to a company's site and found potential problems. This section was definitely needed and urged that it not be deleted. The Moderator asked for the Finance Committee's recommendation. The Finance Committee did not recommend the motion to delete Section 14. The Board of Selectmen were not in favor of the motion. The Moderator asked for a vote by a show of hands, motion defeated. More discussion took place. Jeffrey Brem moved to amend Section 14 Fire Permits, by deleting 2) Violations in its entirety and replace it with:

- a) Any person who violates this Section will be warned by a written notice by the Fire Chief or his Representative. A second violation within any twelve months period shall be punishable by a fine of no more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each offense. Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

The Moderator asked for the Finance Committee's recommendation on the motion to amend. The Committee had no recommendation. The Board of Selectmen recommended the motion. The Moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands, motion carried. He then asked for a vote by way of a show of hands on the main motion as amended, motion carried. The article reads as follows:

James A. Sousa moved that the Town vote to amend the General By-Laws Article XIV Fire By-Laws by adding Section 13. Transportation of Flammable Liquids by a Cargo Tank, and Section 14 Fire Permits as follows:

SECTION 13 TRANSPORTATION OF FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS BY A CARGO TANK

1) CARGO TANK

- A) No cargo tank shall be used for the transportation of any Class A or Class B flammable liquid or flammable gas unless the same has been approved and a certificate of approval issued therefore but the Marshal, head of the

Fire Department or his designee. Such certificate or approved identification plate shall be located as directed by the Marshal.

B) Application for approval of a cargo tank shall be made to the Marshal, head of the Fire Department or his designee on a form furnished by the Department giving such information in full as requested on form or such other information as he may deem necessary.

C) The certificate of approval as herein provided for shall serve as a permit to transport flammable fluids or gases for a period not to exceed two years. All certificates of approval shall expire on August 31, 1994 and on each even number year thereafter.

2) TRANSPORTATION OF FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS

A) No person shall transport by cargo tank or transport vehicle, any combustible liquid within the Commonwealth unless such liquid is transported in accordance with the requirements of 527 CMR 8.00

B) No person shall deliver any combustible liquid by any vehicle, except to transfer to another vehicle, unless the person, firm, or corporation receiving such liquids exhibits a permit/license for the store of such liquids.

3) TRANSPORTATION BY OTHER METHODS

A) Any Class A or Class B flammable liquid transported by other than tank vehicle or pipe vehicle or as otherwise permitted by Subsection B and C below shall be transported in approved safety cans, substantial metal drums or other similar container, with all openings thereto tightly closed, except that the provisions of this section need not apply to any Class B liquid in an amount not exceeding 55 gallons. Gasoline or other Class A petroleum product may be transported without a permit in any open vehicle or in a compartment of a closed vehicle separated from the passengers, in total quantity not to exceed 21 gallons, provided such flammable liquid is contained in one or more suitable metal or plastic containers which have been approved by the Marshal. No such container shall have a capacity of over 7 gallons.

B) Vehicles other than approved tank vehicles may transport combustible liquids in transfer tanks proved that an application has been made and a permit to transport has been issued in accordance with 527 CMR 8.04. The vehicle shall be approved for the transporta-

tion of the combustible liquid provided that:

Upon satisfactory proof of need and assurance that the tank has been designed and mounted in accordance with these regulations, a FP44 permit will be issued and a decal affixed to the tank in accordance with 527 CMR 8.00. Board of Fire Prevention Regulations. The vehicle shall be approved for the transportation of the flammable fluid provided that:

1) The tank is securely mounted to the vehicle body or truck bed and its capacity does not exceed 119 gallons;

2) The tank shall be constructed of not less than 12 USS gauge standard open hearth steel plate;

3) The liquid is drawn from the top of the tank by means of a suitable pump to which is attached a durable hose equipped with an approved self-closing nozzle;

4) All openings in the tank are secured by plugs or caps maintained wrench tight while vehicle is in transit;

5) The vehicle is equipped with one or more fire extinguishers having a combined rating of 2A 20BC;

6) Permit application for approval of a cargo tank, portable tank or transfer tank shall be made to the Marshal on a form furnished by the Department giving such information in full a requested, containing the address of the permitted or licensed land in accordance with 527 CMR 14.03 (1) where the vehicle is parked overnight or such other information as he may deem necessary. Upon satisfactory proof of assurance that the tank has been designed and mounted

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dance with 527 CMR 8.00 the head of the Fire Department in the city or town where the vehicle is parked overnight shall issue a permit to transport combustible liquids.

C) Vehicles other than approved tank vehicles may transport Class A flammable liquids in quantities in excess of 21 gallons or Class B flammable liquids in excess of 55 gallons provided an application has been made to the Marshal on forms furnished by the Department. The Marshal shall issue a permit for a period of up to two years for the transporta-

tion of such flammable fluids provided he is satisfied that the owner and the operator of the transporting vehicles are familiar with these regulations and agree to comply with them as provided below:

- 1) The vehicle shall be equipped and maintained with one or more hand fire extinguishers or combined 2A 20BC rating fire extinguisher shall be kept in good working condition at all times and shall be located as directed by the Marshal. The head of the Fire Department or his designee.
- 2) Flammable fluid container shall have a maximum capacity of 55 gallons and be free of corrosion, punctures or other defects which would cause them to leak or rupture. The containers will be fabricated of steel, aluminum or other material compatible with the liquid being stored therein. Each container will be equipped with a tight fitting gasket closure to prevent the leaking of the flammable liquid or gases from such container during storage and transportation.
- 3) Each container will be legibly marked with a waterproof identification describing the contents of the vessel.
- 4) The Containers of flammable fluids shall be securely enclosed or tied down so that they will not shift or tip when the vehicle makes a sudden stop or turn.
- 5) No vehicle loaded with flammable fluids as described in this section shall be left unattended for over one hour unless the driver notifies the head of the fire department where it is parked. The head of the Fire Department may assume control of the vehicle and its contents if the owner is unable or unwilling to remove the vehicle or flammable contents within a reasonable time.

4) FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS IN CONTAINERS

- A) No person shall sell, offer for sale, advertise for sale, give, lease, or otherwise transfer for consideration or without consideration any container intended for the keeping, storage, use, handling, transportation, or other disposition of gasoline or kerosene unless and until such containers shall have been approved by the Marshal as safe for

such purposes.

5) DEFINITIONS

Approved: Approved by the Marshal.

Cargo Tank: Any Container having a capacity of 119 gallons or more intended primarily for the carriage of combustible liquids, including appurtenances, reinforcements, fittings, and closures and which:

- (a) is permanently attached to or forms a part of a motor vehicle, or is not permanently attached to a motor vehicle but which by reason of its size, construction, or attachment to a motor vehicle is loaded or unloaded without being removed from the motor vehicle; and
- (b) is not fabricated under a DOT specification for portable tanks; and
- (c) does not solely supply fuel for the propulsion of the transport vehicle upon which is is mounted.

Combustible Liquid: Any liquid having a flash point at or above 100 degrees F (38 degrees C).

Compartment: A liquid-tight division of a cargo tank.

Department: Department of Public Safety or Department of State Police.

Flammable Liquid: Any liquid having a flash point below 100 degrees F (38 degrees C) and having a vapor pressure not exceeding 40 psia at 100 degrees F.

Marshal: The State Fire Marshal

Person: Any person, firm or corporation.

Portable Tank: Any container designed primarily to be loaded onto, or on, or temporarily attached to a transport vehicle and equipped with skids, mounting, or accessories to facilitate handling of the tank by mechanical means.

Tank Semi-Trailer: Any vehicle, with or without auxiliary motive power, equipped with a cargo tank mounted thereon or built as an integral part thereof, and used for the transportation of combustible liquids, and so constructed that, when drawn by a trac-

tor by means of a fifth wheel connection, some part of its load and weight rests upon the towing vehicle.

Tank Truck: Any single self-propelled motor vehicle equipped with a cargo tank mounted thereon, and used for the transportation of combustible liquids.

Tank Vehicle: Any tank truck or tractor and tank semi-trailer combination equipped with a cargo tank mounted thereon or built as an integral part thereof, used for the transportation of combustible liquids upon the highways.

Tractor: A self-propelled motor vehicle designed and used primarily for drawing other vehicles and not so constructed as to carry a load other than a part of the weight of the vehicle and load so drawn.

Transfer Tank: Any container having a liquid capacity of less than 119 gallons into which combustible liquids are loaded, and drawn out by means of a pump assembly.

Transport Vehicle: Any vehicle such as an automobile, van, truck, tractor or semi-trailer, or any combination thereof, propelled or drawn by mechanical power and used upon the highways in the transportation of passengers and property.

6) VIOLATIONS

- A) Any violations of this section shall be punishable by a fine of \$100.00 for each offense. Each day that any violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

7) SEVERABILITY

- A) It is hereby declared that the provisions of this by-law are severable, and if any provisions of this by-law shall be declared by a valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this by-law.

SECTION 14 FIRE PERMITS

1) PERMIT FOR OPEN BURNING

- A) A permit must be obtained through the Fire Department prior to any open burning. Controlled fires for the sole purpose of cooking are exempt.

- B) The Permit Holder must follow the guidelines set forth in 310 CMR Department of Environmental Protection which includes but is not exclusive to the following:

- 1) Burning between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. only. Please note: Fire must be completely extinguished by 4:00 p.m.
- 2) Burning must be at least 75 feet from all dwellings.
- 3) Burning (with a permit) of the following is allowed: brush, cane and forestry debris from other than commercial or industrial land clearing operations.
- 4) Burning of the following materials is prohibited; brush trees, cane and driftwood from commercial and/or institutional land clearing operations, grass, hay, leaves, stumps and tires.
- 5) Stacking, placing or storing combustible materials such that a prudent person would presume that it will be burned is prohibited.

- C) Permit holder must attend the fire until completely extinguished and shall have available a water supply such as pressurized water, pump can or a garden type hose of sufficient length to reach the fire area. The fire must be completely extinguished before leaving it unattended.

2) VIOLATIONS

- A) Any person who violates this Section will be warned by a written notice by the Fire Chief or his Representative. A second violation within any twelve months period shall be punishable by a fine of no more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each offense. Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

3) SEVERABILITY

- A) It is hereby declared that the provisions of this by-law are severable, and if any provisions of this by-law shall be declared unlawful by a valid judgment or decree of any court competent jurisdiction. Such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this by-law.

UNDER ARTICLE 15 James Good, Chairman of the Planning Board moved to withdraw the article. He had received a letter dated October 6th

from Attorney James Geary who represented Raymond and Barbara Carye who do not want to proceed any further with the proposal.

The Moderator asked for the Finance Committee's recommendation on the motion to withdraw. The Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen both recommended withdrawing the article. The Moderator asked for vote by way of a show of hands, motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 16 Selectman Jeffrey Brem, moved that the Town vote to amend the Chelmsford Home Rule Charter under Part III, Section 3-2 (c), Board of Selectmen Appointment Powers, by deleting the following:

“(c) Appointment Powers

The Board of Selectmen shall appoint a Town Manager, a Town Counsel, a town Accountant, and a Board of Registrars of Voters (but not including the Town Clerk). The Board of Selectmen shall also appoint such other multiple member bodies as may be provided by by-law.”

and add the following as Part III, Section 3-2 (c):

The Board of Selectmen shall appoint a town Manager, a Town Counsel, a Town Accountant, and a Board of Registrars of Voters (but not including the Town Clerk). The Board of Selectmen shall also appoint such policy advisory committees as they deem necessary, licensing committees, and such other multiple member bodies as may be provided by by-law.”

Selectman Roger Blomgren said that this article had appeared on the Spring Warrant. He gave a presentation and which showed the different policy committees that have been formed. He explained the purpose of the article. He felt that if the Board of Selectmen wanted to have a committee formed they had to request the Town Manager to do so. He felt that the Board of Selectmen should be able to appoint the committee, and that the Committee would answer to the Board and not the Manager. Numerous questions were asked from the Representatives. Concerns were expressed about the wording. The Finance Committee was against the article. They feel that the Town manager handles the everyday operations of the Town. The Board of Selectmen are a part-time Board. The Manager has the time to investigate qualified people for committees where the Board has a history of appointing people for political reasons, who may not necessarily be qualified to be on a committee. The Board of Selectmen had previously recommended to the article, by a 3-2 vote. Selectman Blomgren then moved to amend the article by putting a period in the second sentence after the word necessary, and delete all the wording appearing after. The Moderator

asked the Finance Committee's recommendation on the motion to amend, the Finance Committee was in favor. The Board of Selectmen were in favor of the motion to amend. He then asked for a vote by way of a show of hands on the motion to amend. Motion carried. The discussion continued. Selectman DeFreitas spoke against the article. Selectman Brem spoke in favor of the article. Barry Balan spoke against the article. Harry Foster spoke in favor. Leonard Doolan moved the question to stop debate. The Moderator asked for a show of hands on the motion to stop debate. Motion carried. He then asked for a vote by way of a show of hands on the article as amended, motion defeated.

UNDER ARTICLE 17 Selectman Jeffrey Brem moved that the Town vote to amend the General By-Laws Article VI Police Regulations by adding Section 23, Sale of Non-Alcoholic Beverages as follows:

“Section 23 SALE OF NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

It shall be unlawful for any person, business, corporation, or partnership to sell or cause to be sold, to any person under the age of 21, non-alcoholic beer, or any malt beverage with any alcoholic content, however much reduced.

Whoever violates any provision of this ordinance shall be fined two hundred (\$200.00) dollars per offense.”

Selectman Brem spoke about the article. The Board had been approached to look at changing the law by putting a restriction on the licensing of a certain beverage. After looking into the matter, all the Board could in fact do was to propose a by-law, and let the Town Meeting Representative decide the issue.

Dennis Ready, speaking on behalf of the proponent of the article, moved to amend the article by inserting the following wording as Paragraph 2:

“Such non-alcoholic beer, non-alcoholic wine or such malt beverages shall be sold only by establishments licensed by the Town pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 138.”

John Harrington came forward and explained the purpose of the article. Surrounding area cities and towns have passed this proposed law. This would protect anyone under the age of 21 from purchasing a product that looks like beer and tastes like beer. This is because it does not fall under the jurisdiction of the ABC Board. He answered a question concerning the amount of alcohol present in the non-alcoholic products. Attorney Joseph Shanahan, representing E.J. Reardon Co. a whole-

sale distributor, wanted to know why correspondence that he had dated September 8th referred that non-Alcoholic beer does not fall under the definition of chapter 138, does not apply under the Alcoholic Beverage Control boards jurisdiction, how can the amendment to the article stand? James Harrington, Town Counsel, said that this correspondence was concerning the authority of chapter 138 had with the ABCC. The amendment only applies to the sale of the beverage in package stores. James Harrington explained that his opinion of the original article would be a legal article, however in regards to the amendment being attached the by-law could be jeopardized, the Attorney General may not approve it. Some other town's have submitted this wording but as of yet no approval or disapproval has been made. Questions were asked on where these non-alcoholic beverages could be purchased. John Harrington explained that any establishment or store is eligible to sell any non-alcoholic product, and that there is no age limit of the buyer. The Moderator asked for the Finance Committee's recommendation. The Committee had no recommendation at this time. The Board of Selectmen do not support the amendment. They had in fact supported the original article. Attorney Joseph Shanahan again mentioned that he was representing a local distributor, E.J. Reardon Co. spoke against the article. John Harrington owned a liquor store here in Town, where exactly were his interests in the actual sale of the product? He said that these products have been on the market and available for a long time. He doesn't believe that there is that many sales to minors of this product. He cited the many other products that are non-alcoholic beer products that contain much more alcohol such as cough syrups for example are readily available. There are many products that are marketed to be used as a substitute. Other concerns should be made toward controlling the sale of cigarettes, or machine guns. There are age limits on the sale of these items, which are far more dangerous to the person and the public. A lengthy discussion followed.

William Keohane spoke about the intent of the article. Was it in fact the intent of this article to keep the sale in the liquor stores because of the growing market and interest of non-alcoholic beverages being consumed by people of legal age. Beer companies want to control the whole market, the drinkers and the non-drinkers. That is why this product has been developed by them. If that is the case, then Liquor stores shouldn't be able to sell chips or other items that aren't related to their actual licenses. He can't see why a teenager would want to spend the amount of money required to purchase a product that looks and tastes like beer, if they want the real thing they find a way to make it available to them for the price they pay. That is what should be looked into is the issue of teenagers

consuming real alcohol and the abuse that goes on because there isn't more control. A number of Representatives spoke in favor of passage of the article. Raymond McKeon spoke in favor of the article. Concerns were expressed about the use by the children of the community. Susan Gates spoke about defeating the amendment and pass the original article. Selectman Blomgren asked if the amendment could cause the Attorney General to not approve the article. Town Counsel replied yes there was a possibility that it may not be approved, that is why he would not approve it. Should the original article pass and be approved by the Attorney General then at a later town Meeting an article could be submitted amending the by-law to reflect the current amendment. The Moderator asked for a hand vote on the motion to amend the article. Motion defeated. More discussion took place. A number of Representatives spoke in favor of the article. Allen Thomas spoke about the article. The issue is not the fact that children are drinking beer. The suppliers of the product should be held responsible for selling to minors. Cut off the supply and deal with the children through recreation, the article is a white wash. Dennis Ready made a motion to move the question to stop debate. Motion carried, unanimously by a vote of a show of hands. The Moderator then attempted a hand count which failed. The tellers came forward and a hand count was conducted. Yes 48 No 56, motion defeated.

The Moderator announced that Dr. Richard Moser, Superintendent of Schools wanted to address the Representatives at the conclusion of the meeting.

UNDER ARTICLE 18 Thomas Moran moved that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the amount of \$120,000.00 from line item 16, snow and ice for the purpose of reopening the West Fire Station effective December 1, 1992.

Thomas Moran spoke about the article. The actual amount needed would be \$150,000. but he felt that the other \$30,000. could be found within the budget. There was \$119,000.00 left in the snow and ice account last year. There is a need now for reopening the station, according to the past records available. In 1989 there were 668 emergencies, sixty-four of them were medical emergencies. The Fire Department is the first to respond to these, not an ambulance. The station was built in 1970 because there was a need. He felt that in all fairness the Fire stations all over the Town should be on a rotating basis, so that all areas of Town receive the same type of coverage and protection. Bernard Lynch, Town Manager, said that he was investigating for the future possibility of reopening the station now that the fire contract is more manageable. However, using the monies in the snow

and ice account is not the answer at this time.

The Finance Committee was not in favor of using the money from the snow and ice account. This money is raised each year for the purpose of maintaining the entire Town. The amount is based on the dollar amount voted the previous year. The majority of the Board of Selectmen were against the article. A number of Representatives spoke in favor of the article. James Sousa said the the Town should get the most service for the money spent. He felt that this would buy a lot of service for a much needed situation. The Moderator asked for a vote by way of a show of hands on the article. Motion defeated. A hand count was requested. The tellers came forward and conducted a hand count. The result was Yes 43 No 54, the motion was defeated.

The Moderator closed the meeting seeing that there were no further articles.

Dr. Richard Moser came forward and invited the Representatives to attend a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 17th, with the AIDS Task Force. The Committee was scheduled to make certain recommendations concerning AIDS awareness and education.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Dennis E. McHugh
Moderator

Mary E. St.Hilaire
Town Clerk

TOWN WARRANT FOR STATE ELECTION NOVEMBER 3, 1992

MIDDLESEX, SS.

To the Constable of the Town of Chelmsford:

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to vote at:

Precinct 1: Town Office Building Gymnasium
Precinct 2: Harrington Elementary School Gymnasium
Precinct 3: Harrington Elementary School Gymnasium
Precinct 4: Westlands School Cafeteria
Precinct 5: Byam School Cafeteria
Precinct 6: Westlands School Cafeteria
Precinct 7: McCarthy Middle School, Small Gymnasium

Precinct 8: McCarthy Middle School, Small Gymnasium
Precinct 9: Town Office Building Gymnasium

On Tuesday the third of November, 1992 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

1) To cast their votes in the State Election for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

ELECTORS OF THE PRESIDENT

AND VICE PRESIDENTfor the Commonwealth

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESSCongressional District

COUNCILLORCouncillor District

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT ...fifth Mdlsx. Senatorial District

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL

COURT16th Mdlsx. Representative District

COUNTY SHERIFFMiddlesex County

COUNTY COMMISSIONER.....Middlesex County

2) To vote on the following questions:

- #1. Tax on Cigarettes and Smokeless Tobacco
- #2. Public Reporting of Corporate Tax Information
- #3. Requiring Reduced, Reusable or Recyclable Packaging
- #4. Tax on Oils and Hazardous Materials

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said election.

Given under our hands this 14th day of October, A.D. 1992.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF CHELMSFORD
William R. Logan, Chairman
Richard E. DeFreitas, Vice Chairman
Peter V. Lawlor, Clerk
Roger A. Blomgren
Jeffrey A. Brem

STATE ELECTION, NOVEMBER 3, 1992

amended Nov. 13, 1992 Fed. Law counted 9 out of the country ballots. 4 were only allowed to vote for Pres. & Rep. in Congress

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Pct. 8	Pct. 9	Total
PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT										
Blanks	16	15	14	11	8	15	17	8	12	116
Bush/Quayle	580	727	622	619	784	692	801	611	715	6151
Clinton/Gore	732	913	704	720	841	703	746	793	680	6832
Fulani/Munoz	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	8
Hagelin/Tompkins	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
LaRouche/Bevel	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Marrou/Lord	7	11	5	7	9	8	9	11	6	73
Perot/Stockdale	512	632	518	546	684	560	613	527	583	5175
Phillips/Knight	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	6
Brisben/Garson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dodge/Ormsby	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Write-In	6	8	5	3	8	5	9	3	3	50
Misc.	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	3
TOTAL	1856	2310	1871	1908	2335	1986	2196	1956	2000	18418

REP. IN CONGRESS 5TH DISTRICT

Blanks	79	157	130	99	158	105	125	102	129	1084
Paul M. Cronin	596	675	654	553	796	656	871	608	751	6160
Martin T. Meehan	1023	1294	961	1123	1193	1105	1061	1107	965	9832
David E. Coleman	31	34	40	30	44	25	20	47	41	312
Mary J. Farinelli	121	143	85	98	136	91	117	86	111	988
Write-In	6	5	1	3	8	2	0	5	3	33
Misc	0	2	0	2	0	2	2	1	0	9
TOTAL	1856	2310	1871	1908	2335	1986	2196	1956	2000	18418

COUNCILLOR 3RD DISTRICT

Blanks	219	351	283	244	358	252	311	248	296	2562
Robert B. Kennedy	929	1185	871	1033	1048	952	976	1009	843	8846
Vincent P. McLaughlin	706	773	714	628	926	778	901	691	857	6974
Write-In	2	0	2	1	1	1	2	7	0	16
Misc	0	1	1	2	2	1	5	0	4	16
TOTAL	1856	2310	1871	1908	2335	1984	2195	1955	2000	18414

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT 5TH

Blanks	508	782	558	611	662	556	586	600	573	5436
Lucille "Cile" P. Hicks	1318	1511	1304	1287	1655	1413	1586	1332	1415	12821
Write-In	19	12	7	6	11	5	16	23	12	111
Misc	11	5	2	4	7	10	7	0	0	46
TOTAL	1856	2310	1871	1908	2335	1984	2195	1955	2000	18414

REP. IN GENERAL COURT 16TH MDLSX.

Blanks	440	660	443	498	557	461	496	474	463	4492
Carol C. Clevon	1393	1632	1414	1393	1763	1510	1681	1464	1528	13778
Write-In	13	11	11	10	10	6	11	17	8	97
Misc	10	7	3	7	5	7	7	0	1	47
TOTAL	1856	2310	1871	1908	2335	1984	2195	1955	2000	18414

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Pct. 8	Pct. 9	Total
SHERIFF MDLSX. CTY.										
Blanks	240	382	298	244	382	283	310	275	272	2686
John P. McGonigle	974	1173	924	1098	1121	982	1017	1018	990	9297
Michael J. Dever	638	751	348	560	828	717	865	656	731	6394
Write-In	4	2	1	2	1	0	1	6	5	22
Misc	0	2	0	4	3	2	2	0	2	15
TOTAL	1856	2310	1871	1908	2335	1984	2195	1955	2000	18414

QUESTION 1

Blanks	49	53	46	59	43	60	53	45	41	449
YES	968	1228	1111	942	1297	1091	1300	1093	1125	10155
NO	839	1029	714	907	995	833	842	817	834	7810
TOTAL	1856	2310	1871	1908	2335	1984	2195	1955	2000	18414

QUESTION 2

Blanks	156	209	163	158	178	184	216	200	178	1642
YES	853	1039	956	896	1169	929	1069	967	963	8841
NO	847	1062	752	854	988	871	910	788	859	7931
TOTAL	1856	2310	1871	1908	2335	1986	2196	1956	2000	18418

QUESTION 3

Blanks	54	66	52	73	51	79	60	60	45	540
YES	681	870	785	694	931	767	935	779	832	7274
NO	1121	1374	1034	1141	1353	1138	1200	1116	1123	10600
TOTAL	1856	2310	1871	1908	2335	1984	2195	1955	2000	18414

QUESTION 4

Blanks	137	125	94	146	121	130	114	123	86	1076
YES	640	848	750	663	897	712	854	760	784	6908
NO	1079	1137	1027	1099	1317	1142	1227	1072	1130	10430
TOTAL	1856	2310	1871	1908	2335	1984	2195	1955	2000	18414

COUNTY COMM. (2)

Blanks	1160	1575	1207	1268	1605	1310	1407	1189	1256	11977
Edward J. Kennedy	872	1130	846	1019	1017	943	939	1014	824	8604
Thomas J. Larkin	688	769	616	686	773	644	683	691	671	6221
James P. Regan	490	538	538	407	620	542	671	493	618	4917
Edward J. Weinberg	343	419	396	291	489	393	532	358	476	3697
Richard S. Mahoney	151	183	137	140	160	132	154	156	155	1368
Write-In	8	5	2	3	2	4	2	9	0	35
Misc	0	1	0	2	4	0	2	0	0	9
TOTAL	3712	4620	3742	3816	4670	3968	4390	3910	4000	36828

TOWN MEETING REPRESENTATIVES

PRECINCT 1

TERM	NAME
1995	John G. Coppinger
1995	Marian D. Currier
1995	Philip Currier
1995	Scott J. McCaig
1995	Paul F. McCarthy
1995	Carl W. Seidel
1994	Joel M. Karp
1994	Richard P. McClure
1994	Martha McClure
1994	William E. Spence
1994	Robert M. Schneider
1994	Jean B. Rook
	David A. MacDonald **repl 12-17
1993	Fotine Alexis McCarthy**
1993	Helen A. Manahan
1993	Susan G. Koeckhoven
1993	Sandra A. Kilburn
1993	Barry B. Balan
1993	Barry P. Joyce

rem=removed; repl=replaced

PRECINCT 2

TERM	NAME
1995	George F. Abely
1995	Barry T. Bell
1995	Bonnie I. Foster
1995	Jesse C. Foster
1995	Loretta A. Gelenian
1995	Douglas L. Wright
	Milton H. Kinney ***repl 12-17
1995	Wanda L. Dunn***
1994	Albert Leman
1994	Jeffrey W. Stallard
	Karen S. Vandenbulcke **res 9-2
1994	Kathryn M. Fisher**
1994	Marc A. Vandenbulcke
1994	Mary Jo Welch
1993	Harry A. Foster
1993	Harold I. Matzkin
1993	George L. Merrill
1993	Francis G. Miskell
1993	Susan M. Olsen
1993	Robert J. Scharn

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PRECINCT 3

TERM	NAME
1995	Michael F. Curran
1995	John P. Emerson, Jr.
1995	Christine A. Gleason

1995	Katherine C. Harbison
1995	Judith Hass
1995	Jonathan C. Stubbs
	Pamela S. Amway **res 8-4
1994	William F. Tucker**
1994	Robert D. Marazzi
1994	Francis J. Miethe
1994	Thomas E. Moran
1994	Michael F. McCall
1994	Thomas J. Welch
1993	Kathleen S. Fitzpatrick
1993	D. Lorraine Lambert
1993	Carole A. Marcotte
1993	Brenda A. McDermott
1993	Jane S. McKersie
	Priscilla A. Rega **res. 7-30
1993	Peter Dulchinos**

res=resigned

PRECINCT 4

TERM	NAME
1995	Linda J. Allen
1995	Jeffrey A. Brem
1995	Robert L. Hughes
1995	Lynn M. Marcella
1995	Arthur J. Moores
	Frances T. McDougall **rem 12-17
	Donald P. Ayer **res 10-19
1994	Steven B. Hadley
1994	Beverly A. Koltookian
1994	Michael R. Parquette
1994	Kay E. Roberts
1994	Daniel J. Sullivan III
1993	Arthur W. Blomgren
1993	John T. Conrad, Jr.
1993	Ruth K. Delaney
	Thomas E. Firth, Jr. **rem 12-17
1993	Gerald W. Pacht
1993	Ralph M. Nebalski

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PRECINCT 5

TERM	NAME
1995	Karen I. Braunschweiger
1995	Dean Carmeris
1995	Stephen J. Mallette
1995	Evelyn S. Thoren
1995	Glenn R. Thoren
1995	Ronald W. Wetmore
1994	Robert E. Brooks
1994	Catherine Brown
1994	Jonathan A. Stevens
1994	Steven J. Temple
1994	W. Allen Thomas Jr.
1994	Patricia Wojtas
1993	James M. Creegan

1993 Kathleen F. Hillman
 Arnold J. Lovering **rem 12-17
 1993 Wendy C. Marcks
 1993 David P. McLaughlin
 1993 Barbara H. Ward

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PRECINCT 6

TERM	NAME
	Carol Lynn Bacon **rem 12-17
1995	Roger A. Blomgren
1995	Martin A. Gruber
1995	Edward S. Marshall
1995	David J. McLachlan
1995	Cheryl M. Warshafsky
1994	Earl C. Burt
	Patrick J. Calnan **rem 12-17
1994	David W. Foner
1994	Mary E. Frantz
1994	Howard J. Hall
1994	James A. Sousa
1993	John W. Carson
1993	Janet G. Dubner
1993	Bradford O. Emerson
1993	Margaret A. Johnson
1993	M. Elizabeth Marshall
1993	Raymond P. McKeon

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PRECINCT 7

TERM	NAME
	Kathryn Brough ***rem 12-17
1995	Leonard W. Doolan III
1995	Dwight M. Hayward
1995	Beyla V. Makovsky
1995	Andrew W. Silinsh
1995	**Reps filled vacancy position
1994	Jocelyn G.T. Anthony
1994	Paul F. Gleason
1994	Thomas E. Mills
1994	Linda G. Morabito
1994	Carol A. Stark
1994	Frederick W. Wikander
1993	Susan J. Gates
1993	Joan M. Gauthier
1993	Mark W. Gauthier
1993	Edward H. Hilliard
1993	Bernard A. Ready
1993	Dennis J. Ready
1993	Michael P. Anthony**

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PRECINCT 8

TERM	NAME
	Daniel W. Burke **repl 12-17
1995	Shawn M. Kraft**

1995	Francis M. Conlin
1995	Adrienne M. Jerome
1995	Diane Lewis
1995	Christopher J. Luppi
1995	Stanley W. Norkunas
1994	Evelyn P. Bell
1994	Alexander w. Gervais
1994	Bruce J. Harper, Sr.
1994	Christopher T. Garrahan
1994	Peter G. Johnson
1994	Samuel Poulten
1993	Walter A. Cleven
1993	William F. Dalton
1993	Richard J. Day
1993	William P. Keohane
1993	Doris J. Mahoney
1993	Stuart G. Weisfeldt

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PRECINCT 9

TERM	NAME
1995	Donald L. Elias
1995	Henry T. Emmet
1995	James P. Good
1995	Alan L. Moyer
1995	Charles A. Piper
1995	Barbara J. Scavezze
1994	Edward A. Cady
1994	Phyllis Elias
1994	Joseph M. Erbacher
1994	Allan T. Galpin, Jr.
1994	Cynthia J. Kaplan
1994	Frank R. Peterson
	Eleanor D. Abbott **repl 12-17
1993	C. Thomas Christiano**
1993	John S. Fudge, Jr.
	Roland E. Linstad ***rem 12-17
1993	Elizabeth A. McCarthy
1993	Alan R. Pajak
1993	Doris A. Tereshko

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ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

CEMETERY COMMISSION (3 Yr. Term)	Exp.
Everett V. Olssen	1994
Gerald L. Hardy	1995
Charlotte P. DeWolf, Chmn.....	1993
Frank Peterson, Superintendent	

CONSTABLE (3 Yr. Term)

William E. Spence	1995
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BOARD OF HEALTH (3 Yr. Term)

Paul E. McCarthy, Clerk1994
 Paul J. Canniff, Chmn.1995
 Mark W. Gauthier, Vice Chmn.1993
 Dr. Michael Dean (Appt.)1992
 Richard J. Day (Dir.)
 Judy Dunigan (Nurse)

HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 Yr. Term)

William P. Keohane1996
 Lynn M. Marcella1997
 Robert L. Hughes1993
 Ruth K. Delaney, Chmn.1995
 Pamela Turnbull (Governor Appointed)7/1993
 Lisa Royce (Director)

LIBRARY TRUSTEES (3 Yr. Term)

Susan Koeckhoven1995
 Sarah L. Warner1995
 Elizabeth A. McCarthy1993
 D. Lorraine Lambert1993
 Lynda Reid Warren1993
 Kay Roberts1994
 Nancy Knight1994
 Mary E. Mahoney, Director

MODERATOR (3 Yr. Term Exp. 1993)

Dennis E. McHugh

PLANNING BOARD (3 Yr. Term)

James M. Creegan1995
 Kim J. MacKenzie, Chmn.1994
 James P. Good1994
 John F. McCarthy1995
 Christine A. Gleason, Vice Chmn.1994
 Eugene E. Gilet, Clerk1993
 Thomas E. Firth, Jr.1993

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 Yr. Term)

Barbara H. Ward, Vice Chmn.1994
 Carl A. Olsson1995
 Wendy Marcks, Sec.1995
 Judith B. Mallette1993
 Mary E. Frantz, Chmn.1993
 Dr. Richard H. Moser, Superintendent

SELECTMEN (3 Yr. Term)

Jeffrey A. Brem1995
 Peter V. Lawlor, Clerk1995
 Roger A. Blomgren1993
 William R. Logan, Chmn.1994
 Richard E. DeFreitas, Vice Chmn.1994

SEWER COMMISSION (3 Yr. Term)

John P. Emerson, Jr., Chmn.1995
 Robert P. Joyce, Clerk1993

Richard J. Day, Vice Chmn.1993
 George Abely1994
 Barry B. Balan1995
 James Casparro, Sewer Superintendent

TOWN OFFICIALS

Town Manager
 Bernard F. Lynch

Town Clerk
 Mary E. St.Hilaire

Finance Director
 Charles F. Mansfield

Town Accountant
 Bernard Meyler

Board of Assessors
 Diane M. Phillips

Building Inspector
 Anthony F. Zagzoug

DPW Director
 James E. Pearson

Fire Chief
 Robert L. Hughes

Police Chief
 Raymond P. McKeon

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Commissioners	Term Expires
Charlotte P. DeWolf, chairman	1993
Everett V. Olsen	1994
Gerald L. Hardy	1995

Highlights of FY1992 operations were as follows:

- Considerable tree damage resulting from Hurricane "Bob" occurred in Forefathers Cemetery. This required the removal of seven locust and two maple trees. In addition, irreparable damage occurred to some slate monuments in the historical section and a large granite monument in the new section was overturned by a falling tree.
- There were three incidents of vandalism in the

cemeteries.

- Industrial accidents in this period included an eye injury, a severed fingertip and a back injury.
- Work on completion of the new development in Pine Ridge was delayed due to a lack of affordable loam supply.
- Work loads due to the unusually large number of interments made it necessary to use contract grass cutting in three of the Town Cemeteries during this period.

Goals for 1993 include the following:

- Eliminate the occurrence of industrial accidents by use of safety appliances and improved work methods and procedures.
- Attempt to reduce vandalism by participation in cooperative education programs such as High School Government Day.
- Provide full and satisfactory cemetery operation by the addition of one employee while eliminating contract grass cutting and contract installation of monument foundations. These steps will offset the cost of the additional employee.

The Commission takes this opportunity to congratulate the staff for their outstanding efforts during 1992.

The full time staff includes:

Frank Peterson, Superintendent
Jorge Caires, Working Foreman
Kenneth Frazier, Backhoe Operator

Respectfully submitted,
Frank P. Peterson
Secretary to the Commission

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health Members

Chairman	Mark W. Gauthier
Vice Chairman	Paul F. McCarthy
Clerk	Paul J. Canniff

Health Department Personnel

Director of Public Health	Richard J. Day
Asst. Director/Health Inspector	John P. Emerson
Departmental Assistant	Diana L. Wright

Town Nurse
Town Physician

Judith Dunigan, R.N.
Eric P. Kaplan, M.D.

Septage and Wastewater Abatement Program

In 1992 the Septage and Wastewater Abatement Program continued its effort to clean up our waterways. The Board of Health, with the advent of a central sewer system in the Town of Chelmsford, is now embarking on certain enforcement activities to ensure compliance with local bylaws which will ensure a safe water supply. Dye testing, water sampling and issuance of septic system permits will continue in all the non-sewered areas.

Administration and Management

Income for various services and permits is listed below:

Percolation Tests - 53	\$2,650
Deep Tests - 118	5,900
Sewage Repair Permits - 48	1,200
Sewage Construction Permits - 67	3,350
Miscellaneous License & Fees	18,059
	<u>\$31,159</u>

During 1992 four inspections were made at existing day care centers; one-hundred ninety-eight inspections were made for Chapter II Housing; eight school inspections; Five-hundred ten complaints received and checked; Camp Paul inspections; thirty bathing beaches inspections; three International Certificates of Vaccination, restaurant and retail food store inspections, one-hundred twenty-six establishments in town inspected twice a year.

Hazardous Waste and Industrial Wastewater

Richard J. Day (Director of Public Health) was reappointed by the Board of Selectmen as the town's Hazardous Waste Coordinator and Municipal Coordinator to enforce the "Right-to-Know" law for this town.

During our Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, held on May 9, 1992, we properly disposed of the following quantities of materials:

1. 19 barrels of Hazardous Materials
2. 1,025+ Gallons of Automotive Waste Oil
3. 190 Car Batteries

New Regulations for the Protection of the Public Health

1992 was another productive year for the Board of Health. During this time frame the Board of Health implemented, initiated or upgraded regulations to control the area "Governing The Practice of Massage/Muscular Therapy."

Communicable Disease Program

Reports of the following diseases were completed during 1992 for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health:

Tuberculosis	1
Lyme Disease	1
Hepatitis A	2
Hepatitis B	6
Salmonella	10
Campylobacter Enteritis	17
Giardiasis	6
Tuberculosis Control Program*	25

*Referrals received from the Lowell Chest Clinic and Middlesex Community Hospital TB Clinic.

The testing of persons exposed to tuberculosis and those persons whose employment require certification of freedom from that disease is another responsibility of the Town Nurse. One-hundred eighty-seven Mantoux (TB) tests were given to town residents for pre-employment and to household contacts of active cases in compliance with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health regulations. Home visits and telephone calls are made to families of active and some inactive tuberculosis cases on a periodic basis to ensure understanding of the illness and that adequate medical follow-up is achieved. Numerous medical records are kept and updated on residents who have a positive (TB) Mantoux test and are receiving medication prophylactically and being followed radiologically at the Lowell Chest Program and Middlesex TB Clinic.

Immunization Program

The Board of Health and Council on Aging sponsored two flu clinics this year. One-hundred fourteen persons were immunized with pneumonia vaccine and one-thousand two-hundred ninety-eight persons were immunized with flu vaccine at clinics. Additional doses were given to nursing homes, school nurses for staff, ten home visits were made to handicapped or house-bound residents and forty-two doses to McFarlin Manor and Chelmsford Arms residents. A total of one-thousand seven-hundred seven doses of flu vaccine were administered in town.

One-hundred forty immunizations were administered to adults and students in compliance with the Massachusetts Immunizations Laws and prophylactically to residents traveling to underdeveloped countries.

Hypertension Screening Program

Blood pressure screenings for residents are held the first Thursday of every month from 9:00 to 12:00

at the Board of Health, Town Offices. Four-hundred sixteen residents attended the screenings.

Cholesterol Screening Program

Cholesterol screenings were offered to residents several times during the year. A nominal fee was charged and the dates were announced in the newspapers several weeks prior to the screening. Seventy-five residents were screened for cholesterol.

Lead Paint Screening Program

The Health Department offers lead paint testing for children between the ages nine months and six years. Residents may call the Health Department at 250-5243 and make an appointment with the nurse. Sixty children were screened for lead paint.

Other screenings offered by the Health Department include Diabetes and Mammography. Dates of these programs will be advertised in advance.

A Health Fair will be held in conjunction with Westford every other year, finances permitting. This year's Health Fair is in Westford, April 3, 1993.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Chelmsford Housing Authority Board of Commissioners worked diligently over the past year to complete the design for the new mentally retarded home to be located on Groton Road in North Chelmsford. The Authority received approval in 1987 to do this development along with Delaney Terrace and its scattered family developments, however, funding had been withheld until recently. MGIA Architects, Inc., from Boston was selected to design the one story, 8 bedroom duplex. Construction is anticipated to begin in the Spring of 1993.

The Authority is in the process of completing a modernization project at Chelmsford Arms. The Authority is upgrading the fire alarm system with the assistance of the Fire Department. The Architect is ASI Engineers of Burlington, MA, and the Contractor is Crowe Electric and Sons, Inc.

The Chelmsford Housing Authority programs as of June 30, 1992 provide a total of 353 units of low income housing, 198 elderly, 14 handicapped and 141 family. Four of these programs are funded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Executive Office of Communities and Development under Chapter 667, Chapter 705, Chapter 689 and the new MRVP. Chelmsford Arms, completed in 1974 has 56 regular units and 8 handicapped units. The Community Residence for the mildly to moderately retarded

was purchased in 1974 and has 6 units. Six, 2 bedroom condominiums in Pickwick Estates were purchased in 1981. McFarlin Manor, completed in 1981, has 43 regular units, 3 handicapped units and one, 4 bedroom congregate unit which serves the semi-independent elderly. Delaney Terrace, finished in 1990, has 48 units, 3 of which are handicapped and a one, 4 bedroom congregate unit for the frail elderly. These developments are funded under the Chapter 667. The State eliminated the Chapter 707 Program and replaced it with the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program. Regulations on eligibility changed and applicants were allowed to go mobile to other communities on the program. The Authority, due to these program changes, went from 26 units down to 15. Under the 705 Family Program, 11 units are scattered around Chelmsford. The Ch. 689 development is currently under construction.

The Section 8 Programs are funded by the Federal Government through the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Section 8 Existing Housing Program presently has 58 certificates under lease in the private market throughout Chelmsford and other communities and 84 vouchers under the Section 8 Voucher Program.

The Chelmsford Housing Authority fiscal year ending of June 30, 1992 lists assets at \$3,923,000., liabilities at \$3,923,000., for all programs. All developments are inspected annually by maintenance and administrative staff. The Authority is especially grateful to those organizations which express special concern for the Chelmsford Housing Authority residents and to the Chelmsford Garden Club for their assistance in the beautification of the developments every year.

Members of the staff include Lisa Royce, Executive Director; Helen Cantara, Administrative Assistant; Linda Dalton, Leased Housing Coordinator; Richard O'Neil, Part-Time Maintenance Laborer; Ed Tierney, Full-Time Grounds Keeper and Manuel Mendonca, Full-Time Grounds Keeper.

Regular meetings are held at McFarlin Manor, 10 Wilson Street at 7:30 p.m., on the first Tuesday each month. The Annual Meeting is first Tuesday in May. All meetings are open to the public. The Chelmsford Housing Authority Board of Commissioners would like to thank the residents of Chelmsford and Town Officials for their continued support and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth K. Delaney, Chairman
Robert L. Hughes, Vice Chairman
William P. Keohane, Treasurer
Lynn M. Marcella, Asst. Treasurer
Pamela A. Turnbull, Appointee

CHELMSFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY



BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Front row (seated) left to right: D. Lorraine Lambert, Vice-Chair; Elizabeth McCarthy, Chair; Susan Koeckhoven. Back row (standing): Nancy Knight, Treasurer; Kay Roberts, Secretary; Sarah Warner and Lynda Warren

Adams Library, 25 Boston Road, Chelmsford Center
 Anna C. MacKay Memorial Branch Library
 Newfield Street, North Chelmsford

Library Trustees: Elizabeth McCarthy, Chair
 D. Lorraine Lambert, Vice-Chair
 Nancy Knight, Treasurer
 Kay Roberts, Secretary
 Susan Koeckhoven
 Lynda Warren
 Sarah Warner

Services and Circulation

1992 circulation increased overall by 6%. Reference use increased by 29% over the previous year. This increase in use was evident during peak times when patrons were frequently unable to find a parking space (or a seat). In addition, there were long waiting lists for popular items.

For the first time in 2 years the library fully qualified for State certification by meeting all the State's minimum standards and regulations - including the municipal appropriation. State Certification makes the library eligible for State Aid and grants. It also allows Chelmsford residents to use other certified libraries in the State without charge.

An upgrade of the library's computer system began in December. New software will make the on-line catalogs easier to use and circulation procedures will be simplified. It is anticipated that this upgrade will be completed in early 1993.

The Library renewed its commitment to homebound residents by instituting a program of service for residents who cannot access the library facilities.

In January the Library conducted a User Survey as part of a program of evaluating current services. Library users gave staff the highest rating; the library facilities the lowest. Concerns were expressed about the library's non-print collections but overall 85% were satisfied with the Library's book collection. The library staff will conduct a complete collection analysis in 1993.

The library installed a book security system after discovering hundreds of items were missing or lost in a recent inventory. This project was completed with the hard work of staff and volunteers and funded through State Aid money.

In October, the Trustees voted to initiate a 3 month planning process to assess library needs and

recommend future goals. These recommendations will be presented in February 1993.

Programs

The library conducted many Adult and Children's programs throughout the year. These included storytellers, magicians, and workshops for Children. The library participated in a Statewide Summer Reading Program which had an Olympic sports theme. Nearly 1000 children participated. An average of 7 pre-school storyhours were conducted each week at the MacKay Branch and Children's Library. Adult programs included lectures, workshops, and a winter film series. In October, the Library sponsored a full day Freelance Writer's Workshop. Fifty aspiring writers participated in this program. The MacKay Branch Library initiated a Tea for Tuesdays lecture program and continued its monthly mystery writers discussion group.

Personnel

Constance Spickler, a library assistant in the Children's Department resigned. She was replaced by Marla O'Reilly.

Volunteers

In December the annual volunteer reception honored several volunteers who assisted the library throughout the year. Volunteers conducted storyhours, inventories, and a library user survey. They assisted with filing, typing, shelving, shelf reading, and equipment maintenance.

The Friends of the Library booksale is one of the most successful sales in the State. The three day event attracts bibliophiles from around New England. The Friends of the Library assisted with special projects and made many donations throughout the year, including furniture for the MacKay Branch and Adams Library, museum passes, Infotrac, and 2 CD-ROM workstations.

Facilities

The second floor of the MacKay Branch was painted and carpeted. Throughout the year, the library site committee worked to obtain a site for a new or expanded library. The Library Trustees and Director worked with the Chelmsford Handicapped Commission in planning for future handicapped accessibility in all buildings. The Board of Library Trustees is committed to equal service and accessibility to all residents.

Goals

In 1993, the library hopes to secure land to expand the Adams Library Building; improve the

library collections, and increase library hours and staff. Special attention will be given to providing handicapped access and in improving the scope and depth of the library's non-fiction collection. We will continue to work to provide quality library service to our residents despite the shortfalls of the library facilities. Special acknowledgement is given to the Library staff, Board of Trustees, Library Site Committee, the Friends, volunteers and our users for making 1992 a successful year.

Statistical Reports

Monies deposited with Town Treasurer from fines,
lost materials and fees\$18,555.84

Circulation.....317,552
Reference questions16,588
Staff10 full time
Part-time7.9 (F.T.E.)

Departments:

Children's: Cheryl Zani
Circulation: Linda Robinson
Community Service: Judy Buswick
MacKay Branch: Rona Call
Maintenance: Jake Reslow
Reference: Sandra Yensen
Technical Service: Laura Kulik

Library Site Committee:

D. Lorraine Lambert, Chair	Nancy Knight
Kathryn Brough	Carl Olsson
William Gilet	Al Sidel
Gregory Gilleland	John Sousa
Dorothy Howard	Sarah Warner
Cynthia Kaplan	Mary Mahoney, ex-officio

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At the reorganization meeting of 1992, the Chelmsford Planning Board elected the above-named officers. Mr. Eugene Gilet was also chosen to represent the Board at the Northern Middlesex Council of Government. Mr. Kim MacKenzie also continues to represent the Board on the Affordable Housing Committee. Ms. Christine Gleason represents the Board

on the Traffic and Safety Committee. With Mrs. Ann McCarthy not running for reelection, the Board welcomes Mr. James Creegan elected by the citizens to fill the vacancy.

The Planning Board office is open to the public on a part-time basis with office hours 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. daily.

When the Planning Board function was created by the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 70, its function was to oversee the development of the Town. They are also responsible for a careful study of the Town resources, keeping in mind the needs and conditions required to maintain the health and welfare of the citizenship. The Board's primary function is the approval of any plans for the development of the town and the appropriate housing for its citizens. The Board must strictly comply with all Zoning Regulations, Town By-Laws, Town Rules and Regulations and any State Laws and Mandates. Additional functions include, not not limited to, the subdividing of property, reviewing any changes to the Town's regulations through a public hearing process, recommendations and reports to Town Meeting and producing an official town map.

In the year 1992, construction is continuing to experience a placidity in development. Therefore, the Board has invested some of their time to different areas. We, in conjunction with the Town Engineer, are currently hoping to have some of the unapproved streets brought up to conditions acceptable by the Town representatives. Also, the Board is starting to review the Aquifer Protection District, with the hopes of strengthening the regulations to bring into compliance with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

A total of sixteen (16) hearings were held. Eight of these were rezoning of land issues. The remaining eight (8) hearings resulted in two (2) two-lot subdivisions approved, one (1) Aquifer protection permit issued, two (2) site plans revised, two (2) site plans approved and one (1) residential site plan still in the approval process. In addition, the Board approved twenty-nine (29) Form A Subdivision Control Law Not Required Plans.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE



(Front) Mark Perriello, Student Representative; Mary Frantz, Chairman; Richard Moser, Superintendent. (Rear) Judith Mallette; Wendy Marcks, Secretary; Carl Olsson; Barbara Ward, Vice Chairman

Mrs. Mary Frantz has served as Chairman of the Chelmsford School Committee for the 1992-93 school year. She was supported by Mrs. Barbara Ward, Vice Chairman; Mrs. Wendy Marcks, Secretary; and Mrs. Judith Mallette and Mr. Carl Olsson, Members at Large. Central administration for the school department has included: Dr. Richard Moser, Superintendent; Dr. David Troughton, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Sylvester Ingeme, Business Manager; Mr. Bernard DiNatale, Director of Educational Technology; Mr. Robert Zollo, Administrator of Special Education and Mr. Scott Johnson, Director of Community Services.

The prospect of education reform and the need for reorganization of the grade configuration of our schools have dominated the work of our school committee, administrators, and educators this school year. Both issues will have a major impact on the future of our schools and our ability to maintain quality education for Chelmsford youth.

State legislators have been debating educational reform initiated during the 1991-92 school year. Reform areas include: governance of our schools; roles and responsibilities of school committee members, superintendent, administrators, and teachers; school based management and school based councils, professional development, and restructuring of the funding formula for State Aid. Debate has been

extensive and complicated. At the time of this writing, no resolution to the legislation is forthcoming. Cities and towns throughout the State are waiting patiently for direction, particularly in the area of school finance.

The Chelmsford schools received an additional \$511,500 in State Aid this year. The funds were very helpful in maintaining class size with the addition of staff members at the elementary, middle and secondary levels. However, no commitment has been made at the State level to maintain this support for the 1993-94 school year, and future funding may be limited as a result of a reconfiguration of the funding formula. Resolution of these financial issues is expected in the near future.

The Chelmsford schools continue to grow at over one hundred students per year. Overcrowding at Westlands, South Row, Byam, and McCarthy required the development of a reorganization committee. The work of the committee resulted in a vote by the Chelmsford School Committee for a two year reorganization into four elementary schools housing K-4 students, two middle schools for youngsters in Grades 5-8, and continuation of a 9-12 high school on the current campus. Reorganization requires redistricting, and a second committee has been formed to develop alternative plans for next year.

The commitment to quality education in Chelmsford remains strong. The Chelmsford School Committee is appreciative of the work of parents, community members, staff, and students throughout the school year. The welfare of our students is our top priority, and we look forward to future opportunities to serve our youth.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL OF CHELMSFORD HIGH SCHOOL

As the new principal of CHS, I have been privileged to be the leader of your high school since July 1, 1992, and I have found a wonderful, supportive community that can and should be very proud of its high school, committed and talented faculty, deans, support staff, and, most especially and significantly, students. Students are the backbone of any school, and we in Chelmsford have some of the finest I have ever met. The student body is enthusiastic and involved, talented and creative, and, most assuredly, trustworthy. I cannot think of a better place to be.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL OF McCARTHY MIDDLE SCHOOL

The McCarthy Middle School strives to provide a comprehensive academic environment where all students develop positive behavior patterns, positive social interactions, and strong self-images with input cooperation, and support from faculty, parents and community.

The enrollment of the McCarthy Middle School has remained at 1200 students in grades, six, seven, and eight throughout the 1992-93 school year.

In the month of August, a letter was sent to the parents of each McCarthy student discussing both the academic and extracurricular programs of the middle school. Parents were invited to attend the PTO meetings and to offer their input as to the needs of our students.

This year for the first time, each sixth and seventh grade student received a "Reminder Binder" notebook in which to plan and organize their daily assignments. The administration and faculty would like to thank the McCarthy Middle School PTO for their encouragement and financial support for this worthwhile project.

The continuation of the integration/inclusion of special education students in the regular classrooms has reached all three grade levels. This integration of special education students provides increased exposure to new and interesting subject matter as well as the opportunity to interact socially with a diverse

group of students. As our efforts in integration continue, we would anticipate the maximum inclusion of all students to fulfill their anticipated potential.

As a pilot project this year, a team of faculty looked to provide an alternative to the traditional teaching day for a small number of students who had not been successful. Mentors for each student were recruited from the faculty, senior citizens volunteered to act as homework tutors, and community organizations were enlisted to provide a service component for each student. The program has been beneficial to each of the students and has provided them with the opportunity to experience success.

The teaming approach to the delivery of curriculum has been fully implemented in grades six and seven. With the possibility of two middle schools in the immediate future, we are looking forward to implementing interdisciplinary teams at the eighth grade level. The McCarthy Middle School held its first theme day, "Election 1992," on November 2nd. On this day, the instruction in each of the classes focused on the process and effects of the national election on each American citizen. Each student was afforded the opportunity to become a "registered voter" and to cast his ballot in the school-wide election for national and state candidates.

Our annual "Earth Day" celebration is held on the last Monday in April. We are pleased to have representatives of state and local government joining us in this effort to show our concern for preserving our planet. We welcome the community at large to join us in this event.

The McCarthy Middle School has again shown its commitment to the community in our annual "KISS" (Kids In Support of Seniors) walkathon. The monies raised through this intergenerational event are donated to the Chelmsford Senior Citizens Center.

The computer education facilities continue to be utilized by all departments. Mrs. Sheila Kelly is to be commended for her efforts in working with students and staff to increase our use of new technology.

This year, the students of the McCarthy Middle School collected over 21,000 items of food for the needy of Greater Lowell in our 17th annual "Project 300." This effort on behalf of the needy once again demonstrates the compassion and concern for others exhibited by the members of the school and community. We would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the commitment and effort of Ted Dulski, "Mr. Project 300." Mr. Dulski retires this year, after 34 years as a social studies teacher in the Chelmsford School system.

Finally the students, faculty, and administration of the McCarthy Middle School look forward to the challenges ahead as we forge our way into the 21st century.

FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Post Secondary Education Placements

In 1992, there were 358 graduates. Of those graduates, 319 went on to post-secondary education which represents 89%.

4 year colleges	266	(74%)
2 year colleges	47	(13%)
technical schools		
and post graduates	6	(2%)
	<u>319</u>	<u>89%</u>

In terms of non-educational placements, 29 students elected employment, three joined the military, six students were foreign exchange students and one student was undecided.

Advanced Placement Program

In May of 1992, 130 students took 196 Advanced Placement Examinations at Chelmsford High School with 74% of the grades falling in the 3-5 range. The program grades on a five-point college-level scale:

- 5 - extremely well qualified
- 4 - well qualified
- 3 - qualified
- 2 - possibly qualified
- 1 - no recommendation

Generally, AP grades of 4 and 5 are comparable to college grades of A, and grades of 3 and 2 most comparable to college grades of B and C, respectively. Many colleges will award a third to a full year of placement and credit to successful AP candidates.

Drop Out Rate:

The drop out rate at Chelmsford High School continues to be low. During the 1991-92 academic year, CHS had a total student enrollment of 1499. The number of drop outs was 17, which represents a drop out rate of 1.1%.

ACADEMIC YEAR 1991-92

	Employment	Req. to Leave	Voluntary Withdrawal	Total
Boys	1	2	8	11
Girls	0	1	5	6
Total	1	3	13	17

Scholastic Aptitude Test Scores (SAT)

Chelmsford High School average scores for the Class of 1992 continue to be higher than the average

Massachusetts and National Scores. In the verbal area, Chelmsford's average score was 457 which is 29 points higher than the State average (428) and 34 points higher than the National average (423).

In the math area, Chelmsford scored 499 which is 25 points higher than the State average (474) and 23 points higher than the National average (476).

Service Study and Career Exploration Program

In the 1991-92 academic year, 113 students enrolled in eight Service Study and Career Exploration programs.

The Service Study Program is a voluntary elective designed to combine practical experience with the students' academic studies as they use their free time to pursue an area similar to their chosen field. There is an opportunity for students to assist our athletic trainer, and there are several programs designed for students who are interested in working with special needs children.

The Career Exploration Program gives a unique opportunity to all students to supplement their schedule and gain insight and experience as they volunteer to assist in our offices, library, science lab and television studio.

Scheduling for these programs is flexible, and the electives may be taken for one semester or the entire year. All students are placed in their preferred area and credits are distributed according to the number of periods they work, their performance and attendance.

Career Center

The Chelmsford High School Career Center is a facility utilized by our students and members of the community to research colleges, occupations, and vocational schools. Part of this research is accomplished through the use of computers which give available information on colleges (two year through graduate school), occupations, and financial aid. For students who do not know what line of endeavor they wish to pursue, there is a specific file which will give helpful suggestions. In addition, there is an infinite variety of books available for research.

College catalogues, applications, and financial aid information as well as registration information for the S.A.T. and Achievement tests are housed in the Career Center. A V.C.R. is available with a wide assortment of more than 125 tapes in our library.

Numerous college representatives visit the high school as well as speakers from business, industry, colleges, and business schools. These speakers give informative presentations to various classes. Military personnel visit for recruiting purposes and scholarship

information.

During the school year, our juniors as well as various classes are introduced to the Career Center with an orientation presentation.

For students interested in immediate employment, positions on a part-time and permanent basis are posted and employment counseling is available.

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

Massachusetts' Chapter 766 and the Federal Government's Public Law 94-142, the Education of Handicapped Children Act, were enacted to assure that all handicapped children have a free and appropriate education to be provided by the local community.

The Special Education Department in Chelmsford is responsible for providing effective programs and services for children, ages three through twenty-one, who are found to have special needs.

Part of this responsibility is to assure that each handicapped student receives an education designed to meet his or her unique learning needs and to receive the services in the least restrictive environment.

As of December 1, 1992, the Special Education Department had 805 students registered to receive special education services, which represents 15 percent of Chelmsford's total school enrollment.

A staff of seventy-three special education personnel develop and implement the individual educational plans for these students. For those students with severe learning and/or emotional needs, Chelmsford provides for placement in private day or residential schools as approved by the State Department of Education.

The Regular Education Initiative Task Force (1991-1992) was established to define ways of restructuring special/regular education programming to support integration of students with learning problems. Their completed report was presented to the School Committee in September 1992.

For the 1992-1993 school year, staff is involved in extensive training in Teacher Assistant Teams to address the pre-referral process for the purpose of providing for the needs of all students. Workshops are also being conducted for staff and parents to develop an inclusion model for all students.

For the 1992-1993 school year, the Chelmsford

Special Education Department has a budget of \$3,741,944 of which \$350,275 is provided through grants by the federal government.

The Special Education Department will continue its quest to provide effective and cost efficient programs and services for the children we serve.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY EDUCATION

During 1992 the Office of Community Education assumed the additional duty of overseeing the Department of Student Services. The Director will now be working with guidance and support staff K-12 as well as managing evening Adult Education, Summer School, Child Care and the ABC's enrichment program.

Evening school, which includes Northeastern and Middlesex college courses, continues to attract approximately 700 students per semester, Fall, Winter and Spring. Summer School (K-Adult) offers both enrichment and remedial courses to both Chelmsford and area students for five weeks in July and August.

Child care programs provide valuable services to school age children 50 weeks of the year from 7:00 a.m. through 6:00 p.m. Preschool classes for three and four year olds are also available. Enrichment Education opportunities have been expanded K-8 with approximately 1500 students actively involved in our ABC's programs.

The School Department is proud to offer these self-supporting programs to the community. Please look for the Community Education brochure which is mailed to all residents during August, December, and March.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF DATA PROCESSING

Since 1981 the School Department has operated its own in-house computer service bureau. All major outside computer services bureau contracts have been terminated. During this time all major business and student applications have been automated on our own computer systems, a PDP 11/44 and a VAX/750. To supplement this business computer connection, all the schools have microcomputers which perform word processing, spreadsheets and data base applications.

Many of the computer systems which are used in these business applications are nearing the 10 year mark. The hardware and software is approaching the end of its cost effective life. Older computer technologies are more expensive to maintain and do not take advantage of the ability to reduce our operating costs

with newer electronic technology. Above all, the development of software and information systems must be focused on maximizing the value and utility of information while minimizing the cost and effort to the user.

With these objectives in mind, the schools and town offices hope to implement LAN's (Local Area Networks) to include the whole range of distributed and network computing.

Other town departments served in some way by the School Computer Services Department include: Town Clerk, Council on Aging, Town Accountant, Town Candidates for Office, Town Library, Selectmen's School Warrant Report, Community Education, PTA, Booster Club, Nashoba Valley Technical Vocational School, Police Department, Commission of Handicapped, Sewer Commission and Planning Board.

Our present administrative computer budget is lower than the budget for outside computer service bureaus in 1980. This reflects our continued effort, over the past decade, to provide administrative computing at a level funded cost.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD FOR FINE ARTS

The Chelmsford Public Schools' Fine Arts Department continued to do its best to educate the students of Chelmsford in art and music. With the support of the administration, the Cultural Council, and the Chelmsford Friends of Music, the Fine Arts Department offered a wide variety of experiences for students.

The monthly art shows in the Administration Building's Frank Page Gallery continued in 1991-92, drawing rave reviews from visitors. In addition, each school showcased student work during "Youth Art Month" in March at the annual Town-Wide Art Show with approximately 300 works (from grades one through twelve) on exhibit. The level of accomplishment by the student artists was indeed impressive. Chelmsford students also received many awards at the Boston Globe Scholastic Art Competition and at Art All-State.

In the music area of the Fine Arts Department, the popular Town-Wide Choral Festival in March and the Town-Wide String Festival in May drew large audiences to these showcases for the vocal and string students of Chelmsford. Of course, schools held winter and spring concerts, either in their own buildings or in the McCarthy Middle School Auditorium. The high school musical was once again an unqualified success in May. Instrumentally, band members from

grades five through twelve marched in the annual Memorial Day and Fourth of July parades. At the regional and state levels, Chelmsford's music students were well represented at the Junior and Senior Northeast District Music Festivals as well as the All-State Concert.

The successes of these secondary art and music students are the result of careful preparation and training that begins at the earliest grade levels in elementary school art and music classes. In these classes students learn the basic skills and concepts needed to attain such sophisticated achievements in the upper grades. In addition, students learn self-discipline and cooperative learning skills that will assist them throughout their lives.

FROM THE PROGRAM SUPERVISOR FOR ATHLETICS (Grades 9-12)

The Chelmsford High School Athletic Department during the 1991-92 school year fielded 29 Varsity Programs, 15 Junior Varsity Programs, 1 Sophomore Program, 6 Freshman Programs, and 3 Seasonal Student Trainer Programs. An overall record from 359 Varsity Contests was 213-128-18 with 991 Athletes and 26 Team Managers involved in the program.

FROM THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT HEAD (Grades 9-12)

In October of 1992, the English Department of Chelmsford High School received a Commendation of Excellence from the National Council Teachers of English for its efforts toward improving writing for the 1991-1992 academic year. This award was given in conjunction with the recognition of Martha Seneta, Class of 1993, by the NCTE for her outstanding achievement in writing as judged through her participation in the annual writing recognition contest.

The achievement of a first place in the state and second place nationally was earned by our top ten scorers in the national Ninth Grade Language Arts Olympiad. In addition, our students have received recognition through participation in a variety of activities. Joshua Friedman, Maral Jeknavorian, and Mai Tuyet, all members of the Class of 1994, were honored for their achievements in writing through the UMass/Amherst Excellence in Expository Writing Program. Beth Le Maire, a member of the Class of 1992, was awarded the Bard College Prize for Critical Writing. Aaron Bates, a member of the Class of 1994, placed third locally and went on to compete regionally in the Voice of Democracy speech writing contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Our honors students continue to perform exceptionally well

on the English AP standardized exam.

The teachers of the high school English Department continue to develop new strategies to assist all students toward achieving the goals of our curriculum. Our efforts to communicate the importance of writing across the curriculum is demonstrated by the display of writing done in social studies and science classes for the Writings On the Wall (WOW) program which began in 1991. Teachers have been attending a workshop on Cooperative Learning for high school students. We purchased spell checkers for each English classroom to assist students during writing process workshops. The use of the Writing Lab has expanded to include more students in year long courses as well as in the writing electives. The use of the lab equipped with Mac computers positively altered the students' attitudes toward writing. It encouraged them to revise and gave them a product of which they could be proud. It encouraged them to work together as peer readers. This was especially true for the often labeled non-academic students.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD FOR SOCIAL STUDIES (Grades 6-8)

This was the year of Columbus and the Presidential Election. All classes began with activities surrounding the founding of the Americas by Columbus.

Games, plays, poems and videos were evident throughout all curriculum areas. The entire school participated in Election 92. Students were given the issues, discussed the presidency, studied aspects of the Constitution re: the presidency. All students registered to vote and took part in a simulated election with the exact 1992 ballot. In January, we celebrated Martin Luther King Day and Mrs. Paresky's class did a Choral reading during an assembly. National Geography Bee was again a successful event. In the 6th grade we have had community involvement in the form of citizens coming into the classroom to speak about their former countries. Two of our social studies teachers attended the Inaugural and shared their expertise and excitement with their students. We are saddened that this is Mr. Thaddeus Dulski's last year as he will be retiring in September of 1993. The department is in the process of updating its maps and researching new updated geography texts in grades 6 and 7.

FROM THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT HEAD (Grades 6, 7 & 8)

During the 1991-92 school year, many new, interesting projects and events occurred in the grade 6 to 8 language arts area.

In the area of curriculum the staff implemented a mini-unit on responding to open-ended questions since that was to be the format for the revised Mass. Assessment Test. The seventh grade staff unified the literature based vocabulary program and developed supporting materials for the various lessons. Grade 6 teachers developed a diagnostic test in basic grammar skills: a post-test will follow if the prototype works. Eighth grade staff explored the new literature text that was adopted: they also prepared a working outline for speech activities.

Several curriculum related projects occurred like the school-wide spelling bee. The department head received a grant which enabled 200 sixth graders to attend an MRT production. Also, an enrichment unit involving interdisciplinary skills was introduced at grade 6: students created their own countries each with its own currency, flag, folk culture, geography, etc. In addition, the annual Betty Murray Writing Award went to seventh grader Jennifer Hardy. Finally, we instituted a bonus points reading program where youngsters could receive extra points for outside reading they did; the program also involved the support and involvement of parents.

We are also pleased that several of our youngsters had their writing published in national magazines.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE (Grades 7-12)

The foreign language program continues to thrive in Chelmsford. More students are opting to complete a third or fourth year of a language sequence as colleges continue to emphasize the importance of foreign language study. Even Massachusetts state four-year colleges have a minimum two-year language admissions requirement. French and Spanish students commonly choose to take the College Board Achievement Test and/or the Advanced Placement Language Exam. Scheduling constraints at the upper levels of the language sequences often make it impossible for students to continue with their language studies at CHS, and we hope that more innovative scheduling in the future will alleviate this problem.

Interest in the exchange programs has been waning for the past few years, in large part due to the downturn in the economy. We were able to continue the French, Spanish, and Italian exchanges this year, but it is becoming increasingly difficult to generate enthusiasm and support for these programs. We hosted students from Toulouse, France, but we did not send any students to France. CHS did participate in the Italian and Spanish exchanges by hosting and sending students.

This year, one Spanish and one French class at CHS participated in several monthly interactive television programs dealing with timely aspects of French, Spanish and Hispanic cultures. The sessions were conducted in the foreign language, and during the broadcasts, CHS students had an opportunity to dialog with the native speakers hosting and participating in the programs. The programs are part of MASSLearn-Pike, a satellite-and computer-based educational network operated by the Massachusetts Corporation for Educational Communication (MCET).

At McCarthy, the FLEX language/reading course was moved to the 8th grade curriculum. All students who took developmental or enrichment reading were also scheduled for a semester of FLEX. Students who go on to the high school next year should be well prepared to choose and begin the study of a foreign language.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD OF PRACTICAL ARTS (Grades 7-12)

Business Education

The Business Education Department recognizes each students' personal, career and vocational goals. With this recognition in mind as well as the facilities, technology and equipment available at Chelmsford High School, the staff members of the Business Education Department are ready to help prepare today's youth for tomorrow's job market. They are also ready to help provide a varied and diverse business background to satisfy the personal needs of students pursuing other career goals and/or desiring practical arts credit.

The Business Education Department presently has four full time teachers and share a fifth teacher with the Social Studies Department. June 1992 saw the retirement of another veteran teacher when Ms. Conant retired from the Business staff so she could spend "time and money" on her grandchildren. Best of luck in both endeavors Meg. James Murphy has been added to the department and brings new energy and insight into the area of Word Processing and Marketing. Our current staff members have expertise in a wide range of Business and Distributive Education subject areas. Subjects taught are Introduction to Business, Typing I, Typing II, Speed Writing, Accounting I, Accounting II, Word Processing I, Word Processing II, Business BASIC, Fashion Merchandising, Marketing, and Management. Management is a new, one semester course open to students that have completed a marketing course. The concepts will be integrated into actual store and fundraising management operations including buying, selling, promoting, analyzing cash flow, maintaining records and fore-

casting projections.

The DECA Club, an Association of Marketing students, experienced another successful and growth-oriented year as 80 students participated at the District Level Career Conference at the Lowell Hilton in January of 1992 with 55 students dominating the district by capturing top district honors qualifying them to represent the Chelmsford Chapter of DECA at the Annual State Conference in Falmouth, MA in March of 1992. At the State Conference over 55 Massachusetts schools are represented and six Chelmsford students received the first, second or third place trophy as top in the state which qualified them to attend the National Career Conference in Anaheim, CA. Experiencing the thrill of a National Conference with over 8,000 students in attendance were Jennifer Ferron representing the State of Massachusetts in Apparel & Accessories, Linda Meuse in Apparel & Accessories Written Event, Ethan Roberts and Andy Shupe in Food Marketing, Matthew Moncreaff in Advertising & Display, Manjula Sastry in the Fashion Promotion Plan as well as Tara Greaves who captured the 2nd place trophy in Food Marketing Written Event. Chelmsford was overwhelmed as Ethan Roberts finished 2nd place as a National Winner in Food Marketing. Ethan was Chelmsford's first National Career Conference Winner.

"For Just One Moment," was the theme of the dazzling Spring & Summer Fashion Show held as an annual culminating project and fundraiser by the Merchandising and Marketing classes. Seventy student models strutted fashions oriented toward senior week as well as outdoor summer fun.

The Senior Center was transformed into a fashion stage as Markus of Chelmsford opened with models showcasing his original hand painted designs, Patterson's of Lowell presented its new line of exercise and dance wear, The Gap of the Pheasant Lane Mall displayed its patriotic theme of classics in red, white and blue. The Fashion Bug of Lowell showed the audience how to mix and match with its Spring and Summer line of casuals, separates, and dresses. Pamelas Specialty Shop from North Road featured many separates that had been stylishly accessorized with hats, belts, and jewelry. Afternoon Delight featured dresses with a vintage and retro look! And Norman's Men's Shop utilized a spectacular display theme of casual classics from jeans to sport coats. The culminating fashions of the evening were prom gowns distinctively featuring beads, appliques, gold and silver lame and sequins. A vast array of formal tuxedos were featured all elegantly color coordinated with matching tie and cummerbunds. Formal wear shops participating in the show included Mederic's Boutique, Levine's Formal

Shop, House of Concetta, Billerica Formal Shop, Bonardi's Formals, and Mr. Tux. Donating their hair and cosmetic services to the young aspiring models were the stylists and technicians from Alycia's of Andover. Dan Dube donated his time as the disc jockey coordinating all the music. Participating vendors at the show included: Anne Marie's Monogramming, Beatrice Friedman, Color Image Consultant, Dracut Limousine Service, Feeney the Florist, For Nails Only and Domino's Pizza. Refreshments were donated by Bakeryland, Purity Supreme and Alexanders. Special Guest Appearances were made by Andrea Smith, Miss Greater Lowell; and Mystery Models, Dean Jack Conrad and Dean Angie Taranto. Coordination and commentary by Ms. Beverly Conway, Advisor.

Robert LoPresti from the Class of 1992 was the recipient of a wall plaque from the Chelmsford High School Faculty Association for outstanding achievement in the area of Business Education. As part of the award, he also received a cash award from the Chelmsford High School Alumni Association.

Consumer Education

The seventh and eighth grade Consumer Education curriculum is a ten week co-ed program emphasizing basic living skills for family life in three areas. Sewing teaches students how to repair a seam, sew a button, and provides for creative expression in choosing a machine sewing project to meet individual abilities. Food lab covers topics such as kitchen equipment, safety, organization and management during the preparation of nutritious and seasonal foods. The third area is the family living/decision-making unit in which students learn how to make food choices using nutritional information, how to build self-confidence, setting values, and career choices.

Family And Consumer Technology

All courses in Family And Consumer Technology (F.A.C.T.) are semester courses so students can explore unit areas that may interest them. Courses offered each semester are Foods & Nutrition/Interior Design, Foods & Nutrition/Textiles & Clothing, Chef's I, Chef's II, Exploring Early Childhood I, Exploring Early Childhood II, and Independent Study-Exploring Early Childhood.

The Early Childhood Education Program is a cooperative effort of the Family & Consumer Technology Department and Community Education. Students receive classroom instruction followed by practical experience in the preschool setting. Some Independent Study students, who are planning to specialize in Special Education are permitted to work with special needs children at the Harrington School. This is a popular class with many students going on to major

in Elementary Education in college.

Beth Wholey from the Class of 1992 was the recipient of a wall plaque from the Chelmsford High School Faculty Association for outstanding achievement in the area of Family And Consumer Technology. As part of the award, she also received a cash award from the Chelmsford High School Alumni Association. Jessica Simard received the Pre-School/Child Development Award given by the Office of Community Education for excellence in the preschool program.

Technology Education

Students at the McCarthy Middle School enjoy the design and construction of a race car and the design and construction of a dream house. Two new areas of instruction included the "Mousetrap" car and "Lego-Logo" as design and problem solving activities which were well received by the students. Although every student has Technology Education classes for only one quarter of the school year, they seem to benefit from the class and receive a great deal of insight into the World of Technology that is just ahead for them.

Courses offered in the Technology Education Department at the High School include General Drafting, Architectural Drawing I, Architectural Drawing II, Technical Drawing I, Technical Drawing II, Tech. Ed. Exploratory, House Construction, Small Engine Repair I, Small Engine Repair II, and Electronic Technology which includes both Analog & Digital Electronics.

The fall of 1992 saw the First Annual Boston Architectural Center competition for high school students from all over New England.

The BAC ARCHIFAIR was divided into three categories with a student competing in two of the three divisions. The categories were 1. House Plans, 2. Models, 3. Pictorial Presentations. 2nd and 3rd place overall was captured by Chelmsford Students. Eric Ravenstein placed 2nd while Steven Beaucher placed 3rd.

Matthew Levesque from the Class of 1992 was the recipient of a wall plaque from the Chelmsford High School Faculty Association for outstanding achievement in the area of Technology Education. As part of the award, he also received a cash award from the Chelmsford High School Alumni Association.

It is my hope that parents will research these Practical Arts courses and encourage their daughters and sons to sign up and take advantage of the offerings while at C.H.S. Remember, graduation requirements include 15 Credits of Practical Arts and 40

Credits of Elective Courses.

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT HEAD

The Chelmsford High School Mathematics Department continues to adapt its curriculum to meet the needs of all students while challenging every individual student to meet his or her academic potential.

We received a positive report in the School Evaluation and are working on the recommendations made by the evaluation team. Many of our teachers have attended workshops and seminars on the following variety of topics: Cooperative Learning, Alternative Assessment, Regular Education Initiatives, Teacher Assistant Teams, and Technology Integration.

Although we have made no major revisions in our curriculum content, we have recently adopted new texts in our level three Geometry and Algebra II courses. We are currently focusing in on a new Algebra III/Trigonometry text and are still looking for a new Calculus text for our "A" level class. Our students continue to perform well above the national average in the Mathematics section of the Scholastic Aptitude test. As usual our students did extremely well on the Advanced Placement examinations in Calculus AB, Calculus BC and Computer Science. The Calculus League and Computer Science League teams continue to excel in their competitions.

At a time when there is so much national concern regarding the quality of mathematics education, Chelmsford High School remains fortunate to possess a highly motivated, well-qualified and dedicated staff. It is our consistent effort that will enable us to provide the students of the Town of Chelmsford with the technical skills necessary to enable them to succeed in our increasingly complex and changing society.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD OF MATHEMATICS (Grades 6-8)

The nature of Mathematics in the Middle School is one of diversification in curriculum and aptitude. It is the mission of the McCarthy Middle School Math Department to assist each student in achieving his/her individual potential within one of the five levels offered, including accelerated programs in Algebra and Geometry. With the emphasis on problem solving, we have successfully introduced several math competition programs to challenge the average and above average students, and incorporate the use of hands-on math manipulative for the below average and remedial students. Approximately 900 students

continue to compete in the Continental Math League and New England Math League Contests.

Some new initiatives undertaken this year include the Math Counts National Competition Program and a Pre-algebra program in grades seven and eight. Our teachers, in addition to teaching regular classes, are actively continuing their education in the area of new programs and mainstreaming and are updating curriculum through the successful In-Service Workshop programs. Teachers also attend various conferences including the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Regional Conference, conferences using math manipulative and conferences on cooperative learning.

The success of our program is evident in the accomplishments of several students who achieved perfect scores and received recognition for their participation in Continental Math League. Our results in National testing reinforces our belief that our goals are achievable and our methods are productive.

This year the Robert McCullough Mathematics Trophy was awarded to Christopher Klick.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH

The Physical Education Department is currently participating in two systemwide projects. As a preliminary step to a K-12 curriculum review, staff members are visiting other physical education programs statewide and preparing a K-12 analysis of each system visited. Through a series of in-service programs, the staff is being recertified in CPR.

During the spring, all elementary schools will view the City Stage Company's production of FITKIDS which promotes fitness, good nutrition, and self-esteem.

Last year the Growing Healthy elementary curriculum workshops were completed for grades 3-5 as well as begun for grades K-2. This spring the final workshops for grades K-2 will be completed. Additional work was also completed on each grade level curriculum during the past summer.

Other health education initiatives include the revision of the grade 6 curriculum; the continued success of the 8th grade CPR certification program; the planning of a 9th grade CPR recertification program; the organization of health seminars for grades 10-12; the preparation of various programs for the middle school and high school funded by the Drug Free Schools and Communities Grant; the initiation of

HIV/AIDS information sessions for systemwide staff and parents; as well as the implementation of various recommendations of the AIDS Task Force.

**FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD
OF SCIENCE
(Grades 9-12)**

In an effort to keep ourselves and the curriculum updated, the science department staff has been busy attending various conferences and workshops. The entire department attended the National Science Teachers Association national convention in Boston.

Mr. Bruce Ford received a mini-grant to finance a program of industry visitations by the physics teachers. Mr. Ford contacted several industries in the immediate vicinity of Chelmsford and made arrangements to visit industries that applied the concepts that are studied in the classroom. Besides Mr. Ford, Mr. John Mosto and Mr. Andy Sorenson participated in this program. If any of the readers are associated with industries that you feel we can benefit from visiting, please contact Mr. Ford at the high school.

We have adopted a new physical science textbook. Mr. Paul Murphy, Mr. Michael Denihan, Mr. Ralph Sherwood, Mr. Bruce Ford and Mr. Michael Tate met for three days this summer to make the transition into the new textbook a smooth one. The text reflects the new National Science Teachers Association's guidelines for teaching science of the 90's.

Mr. Mosto, Mr. Tate and Mr. Sorenson also met for three days this summer to familiarize ourselves with the new interfacing devices we purchased from IBM. We are in the process of phasing out the old Apple IIe computers and phasing in IBM compatible machines. Thanks to a very generous grant from Hewlett-Packard, we are presently waiting for twelve new machines with all the necessary equipment to have a complete networked science computer laboratory. We cannot begin to thank Hewlett-Packard enough for investing in the future of the youth of Chelmsford.

Hewlett-Packard also sent Mr. Tate to San Francisco for a week in August. Mr. Tate participated in a week-long workshop on chemicals in the environment. The workshop was conducted by the Lawrence Hall of Science at the University of California, Berkeley.

Mr. John Prescott and Mr. Richard Luce attended an excellent workshop at UMass. Medical in Worcester. The most recent advancements in the field of

biotechnology and medicine were the topics. This is an annual effort by the UMass. medical faculty to update science teachers in topics that are on the cutting edge of research.

Mr. Bernard Queenan participated in the Boston University sponsored Project 2000. He spent three weeks this summer as well as one Saturday a month for the past school year investigating the new developments in bio-technology.

We would like to welcome our new science staff member Mrs. Patricia Mower. Mrs. Mower teaches physical science. We are indeed thankful that teachers of the quality of Mrs. Mower want to teach within our system.

The Science Department of Chelmsford High School would like to thank you for your continued support.

**FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD
OF SCIENCE
(Grades 6-8)**

Over the three years of middle school science, the students cover the physical sciences and the environmental issues in the sixth grade; the life sciences in the seventh grade; and the earth sciences in the eighth grade.

The major goal of the middle school science curricula is to teach the students organization, listening, note taking, logical thinking, and concept formation skills. These skills will assist them in the understanding and interpretation of the world around them. As the three years progress, students will become more involved in problem solving situations where they must form hypotheses, experiment, observe, record measured and collected data, and analyze results to form conclusions.

During the 1992-1993 academic year, the teachers in the science department, in addition to their regular teaching schedule, have been involved in piloting and evaluating new science texts and materials, revising curricula, planning science field experiences, attending conferences and workshops; and taking graduate courses in new technology, cooperative learning, mainstreaming and other current innovations in the science areas. To enrich the science curriculum, NASA space exploration and oceanography assemblies were presented to the students. In addition, once again Stone Environmental School, will be used for the sixth grade program.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD FOR SOCIAL STUDIES (Grades 9-12)

The Chelmsford High School Social Studies Department has continued to offer a program that prepares well informed citizens capable of successfully participating in a complex, diverse world. While the core curriculum remains the same, the teachers continue professional development and planning to meet the challenges of our constantly changing society.

Students continue to study Political Science in the ninth grade, World or Ancient History in the tenth grade and United States History or American Studies in the eleventh grade. In the twelfth grade or when their schedule allows, they may still take electives in a variety of areas including Sociology, Psychology, International Relations, Asian History, Law, The Holocaust and Economics.

Plans have been made to implement a five year textbook rotation. During the first year, all World History and Ancient History books will be replaced. As this cycle continues, students will always have quality texts with the most up-to-date content.

Teachers have continued to participate in a variety of professional development programs. A number attended the Northeast Regional Conference for the Social Studies. Others have attended Advanced Placement training sessions. Some have studied cooperative learning and some of those serve as local instructors. Training in newly-developed computer programs was given through a summer workshop. It is important that staff opportunities like these not only continues, but expand.

Students are offered numerous opportunities to study, learn and compete beyond the confines of the classroom and the scope of the regular school day. Students attend Model United Nations Programs at St. John's High School, Harvard University and Bentley College. They run a one day Model UN for seventh grade students at McCarthy Middle School. They compete in the Century III Leadership Contest, Regional History Day, the Framingham State College Essay Contest and in the Massachusetts Bar Association's Mock Trial Competition. They learn about local government through the local Student Government Day program. They stay knowledgeable about world affairs through the Chelmsford Education Foundation's "News Quiz" Contest.

People from the community are invited into the school to share their knowledge and expertise. The

Town Manager, an expert on life in Japan, court officers etc., have been in the classrooms.

Field trips are offered when important to topics being studied in the curriculum. Newport, Rhode Island; Fruitlands Museum in Harvard, MA; the Lowell National Park; the Kennedy Library and the Boston Public Library are some locations that are often visited.

In summary, the Social Studies Department at CHS tries to teach in an academic setting and to supplement that experience with visitors, after school programs, and field trips. The teachers stay abreast of developments in their subject areas so that a quality education is always offered.

IN CONCLUSION:

The School Committee wishes to extend the deep appreciation to the following staff members for their years of loyal and meritorious service and who have retired this past year:

George Betses	Principal of CHS
Sharon Cinsavich	Elementary Teacher, Parker School
Meg Conant	Business Teacher, CHS
Helen Grivers	Elementary Teacher, Byam School
Catherine Harper	Reading Teacher, CHS
George Klesaris	Science Teacher, CHS
Marion Mello	Reading Teacher, McCarthy Middle School
Jane Walker	Middle School Teacher, McCarthy Middle School
Eileen Fletcher	Social Studies Teacher, CHS
Dorothy Upton	Secretary, Parker School
Lorraine Lambert	Library Assistant, CHS
Rita Gamache	Secretary, Special Education Dept.
Joseph Demers	Maintenance Employee, Systemwide
Roger Clermont	Custodian, Harrington School
Pauline Clermont	Food Service, CHS
Gladys Becht	Educational Support Personnel Parker School

IN MEMORIAM:

The Community and the School Department were grieved by the deaths of Robert Lane, Custodian at the Westlands School and Dorothy Cullinane, Educational Support Personnel at the Harrington School. They will long be remembered for their devotion to the children of the Town of Chelmsford.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard H. Moser, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE SEWER COMMISSION



*Front Row: Vice Chairman Richard Day, Departmental Assistant Evelyn Newman, Chairman John P. Emerson, Jr.
Back Row: Clerk Robert P. Joyce, Commissioner George Abely, Commissioner Barry Balan*

In 1992 the Chelmsford Sewer Commission became optimistic about the possibility for renewed federal funding from projects such as the Chelmsford Sewer Project. We have learned that the Clinton Administration has expressed interest in establishing an infrastructure rehabilitation project designed to "jump-start" the economy, known as the "Rebuild America" Program. According to preliminary information, the program will provide one-time grants for public works projects, including wastewater projects. However, the grants will only be available to those projects that are designed and ready to go to construction immediately upon approval of the legislation.

Fortunately, Chelmsford is currently in an excellent position to take advantage of such funding. We meet the criteria for eligibility and are positioned high on the state's priority list. Many other Massachusetts communities that have chosen to delay their waste-

water projects until the economy improves will likely miss this small window of opportunity. In an effort to solidify Chelmsford's position and to show support for any legislation that will reduce the town's share of the sewer project cost, the Commission will be sending representatives to Washington in early April to meet with our congressional delegation.

There was more good news for the Chelmsford Sewer Project in 1992 when the state Legislature passed legislation finalizing the Massachusetts State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF). The SRF has been in the works since 1989, when it was introduced as the state's new method of providing financial assistance to communities. The SRF provides interest subsidies and discounted loans. The Chelmsford Sewer Project will be eligible for 25% grant equivalency loans under this program.

The optimism of 1992 was also fueled by the con-

tinued success of the ongoing sewer project. Sewer service became available in the Old Stage and Farms II Areas, and will become available in the Dominic Drive Area in early 1993. Construction commenced in the Farms I and Warren Avenue Areas. The Commission continues to concentrate its efforts on extending lateral sewers to those residential areas identified by the wastewater facilities plan as having the greatest need for municipal sewers. The Farms II and Warren Avenue neighborhoods are in close proximity to the Chelmsford Center Water District water supply wells. The Old Stage, Dominic Drive, and Farms I Areas have historically suffered from severe on-site septic system problems due to shallow bedrock and/or high ground water conditions.

The bid prices for the 1992 projects were 40% lower than the engineer's estimates made in 1988. The result was that the town nearly equated the 50% grant funding it had seen in the past by taking advantage of the weak economy and the competitive bid climate. Although we were successful in 1992 while we waited for the State to finalize the SRF program, we have every intention of aggressively pursuing the SRF now that it has become available. The Chelmsford Sewer Commission remains committed to the maximization of all potentially available state and federal financial assistance.

Therefore, in order to take advantage of the State's new funding program and to be in position for any federal funding on the horizon, the Commission commenced design in the Westlands "A" and Westlands "B" neighborhoods in 1992.

As we look to the future, our efforts now concentrate on extending lateral sewers to those residential areas identified by the wastewater facilities plan as having the greatest need for municipal sewers. The future areas to be serviced include:

- North Road Area
- Westford Street Area
- Crystal Lake Area
- East Chelmsford; and
- Hart Pond

As part of the phased program approved by voters in 1989, the future areas to be sewerred include neighborhoods with failing septic systems, septic systems which cannot be repaired due to poor soils and/or high groundwater; and those within the drinking water aquifer.

To date, 4,299 homes and businesses have been

provided with municipal sewer service. This represents 37% of the entire town. There still are 2,573 homes scheduled to be serviced, representing 23% of town. When complete, the municipal project will provide service to 6,802 homes and businesses, representing 60% of the town.

Once again, we are pleased to report that the sewer project to date, in excess of \$38,000,000 of construction, has remained within budget. While we recognize we've been fortunate, we also feel strongly that our management practices and cost control programs have contributed to our success. We also are experiencing first hand the cost advantages of constructing at a time when the bid climate of the construction industry is extremely competitive.

The Commission would like to acknowledge our support staff, Evelyn Newman, Jacqueline Sheehy, and Gail Loiselle, for their hard work and meritorious service. Their multifaceted duties are shared by the Sewer Division of the Department of Public Works, and they are the individuals who interface with the public on a daily basis.

Respectfully submitted,
CHELMSFORD SEWER COMMISSION

John P. Emerson, Jr., Chairman
Richard J. Day, Vice Chairman
Robert P. Joyce, Clerk
George F. Abely
Barry B. Balan

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR BRANCH

Department Members:

Charles F. Mansfield, Finance Director
Carol R. Lambert, Assistant Treasurer
Bettie A. Osborne, Accts. Payable/Receivable Clerk
Judith A. Olsson, Part-time, Legal Clerk
Joan L. Garland, Data Processing Clerk
Anna M. Griffin, Accts. Payable/Receivable Clerk

The retirement of James R. Doukszewicz and Margaret M. Mullen occurred this year leaving the office with the loss of two dedicated employees. Anna Griffin came to the office from the Fire Department to fill Margaret Mullen's position.

In restructuring the payroll processing was assigned to the Accounting Department and the Pay-

roll coordinator's position was transferred. This restructuring was to reduce duplication of work in the Treasurer's office and the Accounting Department.

The coming year will be one of transition. There will be future restructuring and greater automation to reduce office work loads. I look forward to working with the citizenry of Chelmsford in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Charles F. Mansfield
Finance Director

TOWN ACCOUNTANTS OFFICE

Department Members:

Bernard W. Meyler, Jr., CPA, Town Accountant
Mary Villare, Assistant Town Accountant
Renee Messer, Payroll Coordinator
Patricia Tucker, Principal Clerk
Christine Dowd, Senior Clerk

In FY1992 Midge McCormack retired from our office after 17 years of dedicated service. Renee Messer replaced Midge and has been a welcomed addition to our staff.

The responsibility of Payroll has been shifted from the Treasurer's Office to the Accounting Office.

DATA PROCESSING

With the Data Processing Department just forming as of September, 1992 there have been some changes to the current system. Daily operational software has been installed for use by all departments. Thirty-two (32) network connections were installed and a total of twenty-one (21) are successfully up and running. Police and Fire Departments are in the transition stage of moving to IBM/Novell compatible machines. The new Accounting/Town System is well under way.

FY94 goals include the upgrade of the current systems software, to include more user access into the Novell system. Dial-in transmissions with Police and Fire for Network, Accounting system. To make sure the remaining 11 network connections are successfully installed and running. All users trained on the various applications to work efficiently in their daily activities.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Diane M. Phillips, M.A.A., Chairman
Bruce A. Symmes, C.M.A., R.M.A., M.A.A.
Joseph B. Shanahan, Sr.

Assistant to the Assessors
Nancy L. Maher

Principal Clerks
Marie Ronan Elaine McBride

Senior Clerk
Elaine Myers

The Assessors Office had its triennial recertification of values for Fiscal Year 1992. Our values decreased in general, however our tax rate increased. The increase was due to the override for the schools and the ongoing debt and interest of the sewer program. The tax rate for FY1992 was \$14.90 for residential and \$15.26 for commercial, industrial and personal property.

Ruth K. Delaney an assessor since 1976 retired from the Assessors Office. Ruth will be sorely missed and we wish her much happiness. Taking Ruth's position is Joseph B. Shanahan, Sr. We all are looking forward to working with Mr. Shanahan.

This office is the first to go on the network computer system and we are looking forward to learning all about it.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Phillips, M.A.A.
Bruce Symmes, C.M.A., R.M.A.
Joseph B. Shanahan, Sr.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department has lived with the present economy again in 1992 with very few major losses. Substantial progress and gains in credibility have been accomplished through the hard work of our Fire Prevention Bureau and the entire staff completing many hours of inservice inspections. We have continued to expand our knowledge and training to stay in line with today's ever changing policies on infectious diseases and high combustible materials that are forever evident in this day and age.

We were saddened by the job related deaths of two firefighters in 1992. Firefighter Francis "Bud" Conlin, a thirty-two year veteran and Firefighter David Gelineau, a fifteen year veteran passed away and will be sadly missed by brother firefighters, family and friends. Firefighter James Cutter retired after 27 years of service to the Town of Chelmsford.

The Fire Department was able to hire back all of the layed off personnel. This was accomplished through a union contract allowing different manning policies and replacing retirees.

I would like to thank the Town Manager, the Board of Selectmen and all other offices for their help and cooperation shown to the Fire Department this past year. The main goals for the coming year are civilian dispatchers and hopefully the reopening of the West Fire Station. I would also like to express my appreciation to my fellow members of the Chelmsford Fire Department, my office staff and our mechanics for their cooperation and again for continuing to uphold the high standards of service and professionalism to the townspeople of Chelmsford.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert L. Hughes
Fire Chief

DEPARTMENTAL PERSONNEL

Fire Chief

Robert L. Hughes

Deputy Chiefs

James A. Sousa
Charles S. Galloway

Captains

James M. Spinney	Charles A. Schramm
James P. Boermeester	Michael F. Curran
Wm. Michael Burke	

Firefighters

Walter F. Adley	Paul D. Henderson
Robert Bennett	Henry A. Houle
William F. Cady	William Jamer
David Campbell	Peter Johnson
William Campbell	Dennis Keohane
John Carroll	William P. Keohane
Anthony Cincevich	Raymond Kydd
David Clancy	Emil Magiera
Kevin Clarke	Leo Martin
Mark F. Conlin	Michael McTeague
James F. Curran	Leslie Merrill
William Curran	Richard Miller
William Dalton	Edward Nolet
John DePalma	Richard P. O'Neil
Bruce Donovan	Daniel T. Reid
Donald Drew	James F. Reid
James Durkin	John E. Reid
James Flaherty	Michael D. Ridlon
Jesse Foster	Arthur Rivard
Ernest Frobese	John Robinson
Terrance Goode	Joseph Spinazola
Richard Grenon	Brian Stanton
David Hadley	John D. Ubele
William Hadley	Dennis Vargeletis
Paul D. Hayes	Peter T. Wetherbee

Principal Clerk

Martha A. DeSaulnier

Senior Clerk

Patricia Britton

Mechanics

James Keeley
Anthony Vaccaro

CHELMSFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLS - 1992

	A	B	M	MA	I	O	S	F	Total
January	5	6	69	1	59	6	89	11	246
February	7	1	67	1	47	5	104	5	237
March	3	5	50	2	59	11	125	5	260
April	5	1	69	1	87	22	86	7	278
May	4	2	61	3	69	19	63	1	222
June	5	2	55	2	77	9	73	4	227
July	8	2	74	2	56	6	51	3	202
August	4	3	81	2	68	7	61	4	230
September	7	7	53	0	52	1	56	11	187
October	5	4	85	1	67	1	96	7	266
November	3	3	79	1	52	6	92	10	246
December	7	3	78	3	62	6	87	8	254
Total Calls	63	39	821	19	755	99	983	76	2855

NASHOBA VALLEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Serving the Towns of Chelmsford, Groton, Littleton, Pepperell, Shirley, Townsend and Westford.

DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Howard Burns, Chairman	Pepperell
Irene Machemer, Vice Chairman	Townsend
Charlotte Scott, Secretary	Westford
Thomas Carey	Chelmsford
Robert Union	Westford
Charla Boles	Groton
Donald Reeves	Chelmsford
Stratos Dukakis	Chelmsford
Augustine Kish	Littleton
Karen Johnson	Shirley
Joan O'Brien	Westford
Jerilyn Bozicas	Pepperell

ALTERNATES

Harvey Atkins, Jr.	Littleton
Stephen Dunbar	Townsend
L. Peter Noddin	Shirley
Jordan Waugh	Groton
Samuel Poulten	Chelmsford
Alfred Buckley	Pepperell

ADMINISTRATION

Bernholdt Nystrom	Superintendent-Director
David McLaughlin	Assistant Director/Principal

SUPERVISION

Victor Kiloski	Academic Coordinator
Paul Royte	Guidance Director
Paula Page	Special Education Coordinator

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Ralph Dumas	Accounting Manager
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Nashoba Valley Technical High School's enrollment, as of October 1, 1992, is as follows:

Chelmsford	100
Groton	31
Littleton	23
Pepperell	85
Shirley	52
Townsend	46
Westford	62
Tuited	53
Total	452

Nashoba Valley Technical High School is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and

Colleges, Inc. and provides its students with on-the-job-training, saleable skills, a co-op program, a high school diploma, a trade certificate, an opportunity for further education at a college of their choice and job placement.

Each year, qualified seniors may elect to take advantage of our Co-op Training Program which allows senior students to work in industry during their shop weeks and receive valuable training in their chosen fields as well as a salary.

The following programs are offered at Nashoba Technical High School:

Technical Programs

Auto Body	Horticulture/Landscaping
Automotive	Machine
Carpentry	Medical Occupations
Culinary Arts and Baking	Metal Fabrication
Data Processing	Painting and Decorating
Drafting	Plumbing and Heating
Electrical	Printing
Electronics	Building & Grounds (Special Education)

Academic Programs

English Geometry	Trigonometry
Social Studies	Advanced Mathematics
U.S. History	Biology
Consumer Education	Physics
General Mathematics	
Algebra Chemistry	
How to Start Your Own Business	

In addition to the technical and academic programs, a full Inter-Scholastic Athletic Program is offered to the students.

ADULT EDUCATION

Nashoba Valley Technical High School's Adult Education Program is open to anyone of high school age or over. Residents from all communities are welcome to participate in the many diversified courses which are offered during both the fall and spring semesters. This year 531 students enrolled in our Adult Education Program during the fall semester.

ADULT DAY CLASSES

This year, to accommodate District citizens who are unemployed or underemployed, the Nashoba Tech accepts adults into some of the technical programs where seats are available. This program helps unemployed or underemployed attain the skills needed to find a new position or become better qualified in their present positions, thereby offering the underemployed a chance at promotions.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

I herein respectfully submit for your information and review the Annual Report of the Police Department for the year 1992.

At the present time, the department is made up of 47 permanent officers.

Chief of Police
Raymond P. McKeon

Deputy Chief
James C. Greska

Captains
Armand J. Caron John J. Mack Phillip N. Molleur

Sergeants
Steven Burns Raymond C. McCusker
Paul E. Cooper James F. Murphy
I. Ronald Gamache John O. Walsh

Department Criminal Prosecutor
Lowell District Court
Sergeant Robert M. Burns

Criminal Bureau Sergeant
William R. McAllister

Inspectors
James T. Finnegan Peter C. McGeown
Brian Mullen Timothy F. O'Connor
Eugene Walsh

Drug/Alcohol Control Unit Sergeant
Francis X. Roark

Inspectors
Jared S. Finnegan Roland E. Linstad

Community Services & Safety Officer
Patrick W. Daley

Crime Prevention Officer
E. Michael Rooney

Patrolmen
Richard A. Adams Thomas A. Niemaszyk
Alan N. Cote David A. O'Brien
Thomas J. Daly, Jr. John E. Redican
Bruce A. Darwin Paul E. Richardson
John J. Donovan Chandler J. Robinson
Kenneth R. Duane Michael M. Stott
Gail F. Hunter William S. Strobel
Francis P. Kelly Francis P. Teehan
Martin Krikorian Robert J. Trudel
Russell H. Linstad Scott R. Ubele
David F. MacKenzie, Jr. William R. Walsh
John C. McGeown Ernest R. Woessner, Jr.
Debra J. Metcalf

Matrons

Faith Allen Cynthia Katsikas
Mary Jo Fitton Carol Ann Tabor

Principal Clerks

Marie K. DiRocco Mary Jane Grant

Senior Clerks

Donna A. Fox Elizabeth A. Greenhalgh

Civilian Dispatchers

Barbara J. Ducharme Milton H. Kinney, Jr.
Frederick F. Flynn, Jr. Frank C. Lane

RECEIPTS TURNED OVER TO TOWN

	1991	1992
Photocopying Machine	\$ 4,025.00	\$ 3,107.00
Firearms Permits	2,164.00	3,044.00
Bicycle Registrations	9.00	4.50
Firearms Identification Cards	356.00	366.00
Court Fines	132,362.50	41,186.00
Registry of Motor Vehicles	N/A	91,903.30
Photographs	404.00	492.00
Police Details-Service Charge	59,904.00	32,908.41
False Alarm Fees	7,425.00	5,875.00
Parking Fines	7,920.00	7,730.00
Restitution	910.00	1,265.00
Total Receipts Returned to Town	\$215,479.50	\$187,881.21

ARRESTS

	1991	1992
Crimes Against Persons	74	62
Crimes Against Property	174	202
Crimes Against Public Order	206	183

DISPOSITION OF CASES

	1991	1992
Fines	45	45
Placed on Probation	33	24
Suspended Sentence/Placed on File	20	26
Placed on File	10	6
Not Guilty Finding	3	10
Dismissed with Probable Cause	25	16
Court Costs & Continued Without Finding	3	6
Committed to Youth Services Board	7	3
Committed to M.C.I. Cedar Junction	0	2
Committed to M.C.I. Concord	2	0
Committed to House of Correction, Billerica	37	56
Turned Over to Other Courts/Police Depts.	161	209
Cases Pending & Continued in Court	97	76
Placed in Alcohol Safety Program (ASAP)	27	23

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICS

	1991	1992
Calls Answered by Cruisers	20,724	18,633
Summons Served	720	553
Licenses Suspended/Revoked	1,214	1,176
Accidents Reported	18,183	1,153
Fatal Accidents	4	2
Personal Injury Accidents	459	302

Mileage of Cruisers	448,892	426,447
Station Lockups	454	502
Citations Issued	2,039	2,365
Parking Violations Issued	310	417
Doors/Windows Found Open	139	68
Protective Custody	79	53
Restraining Orders Served	98	84
False Alarms Responded to by Cruisers	1,111	1,119

Sergeant William R. McAllister, head of the Criminal Investigation Bureau and a veteran of more than 30 years of distinguished service to the Town, retired from the Department on December 30, 1992.

In an effort to maximize Department emergency medical response, all patrol vehicles have been equipped with life-saving oxygen tanks. All Police Officers have been thoroughly trained in the usage of this emergency equipment.

All regular patrol vehicles have had Beretta 12 Gauge Automatic Shotguns mounted in the front seat area, readily accessible to Officers in emergency situations.

As part of our program to rebuild our personnel compliment at no additional expense to the Town, three Officers, whose salaries are being drawn from monies previously appropriated from overtime, have been permanently appointed to this Department.

The efforts of this Department serve to generate total receipts of \$187,881.21 which reverted back to the general fund of the Town.

I would like to express my sincerest appreciation to the Town Manager, Board of Selectmen and all town officials, departments and committees for the excellent cooperation given to the Police Department and also congratulate both sworn and non-sworn personnel of this department for once again, maintaining their high performance standards.

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Raymond P. McKeon

AUXILIARY POLICE REPORT

This past year the Auxiliary Officers assisted the regular Police Department at numerous events such as Memorial Day Parade, John Carson Road Race, Flag Day Ceremonies, Chelmsford High School Graduation exercises, July 3rd and 4th Festivities, Veteran's Day Celebration, Chelmsford's Arts Fair, Halloween security for schools, Thanksgiving Football Field security and the Christmas Holiday Prelude on the Common. The Officers of the Auxiliary donated a total of 11,230 man hours to the town performing their duties.

Operation Property Check was in operation on 230 nights. The statistics were: vacant house checks 3,500; school checks 12,600; town property checks 17,350, for a total of 33,400. It is with pride and great pleasure that I report no significant damage to town property or the schools. The Auxiliary Unit continues to sponsor and advise the Law Enforcement Explorer Scout Post #370. Officers of the Auxiliary train these young men and women in traffic control, search techniques, firearm safety as well as other law enforcement activities. If it wasn't for the Scouts' dedication and help, some events would not have been as successful as they were. I would like to thank the members of the Auxiliary, the Scouts and their families for donating so much of their time. You are truly an asset to the Town of Chelmsford. It is well known that without such volunteer assistance such as the Auxiliary Police Unit, many events could not be held.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager for their support, the Chief and Deputy Chief, the Superior Officers and Patrol Officers of the Police Department for all their assistance and support over the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Sergeant Raymond G. McCusker

Auxiliary Roster

Director-Sgt. Raymond G. McKusker
Chelmsford Police Department

Will Amundson
John Bell
Charles Emerson
Joseph Eriksen
Eric Gordon
Richard Hallion
David Irvine
David Leo
Peter LoPilato
Steve Manning
Erik Merrill
Robert Murphy

John Oczkowski
Rob Outridge
Bradford Poole
Ralph Roscoe
Kevin Ross
Richard Smith
Colin Spence
Scott Tansino
Craig Walsh
David Walsh
Gary White

BUDGET OUTLAYS

18 Portable Radios (Approx. \$1,000 ea)	\$18,000.00
1 Fuming Tank for Fingerprints	600.00
1 35-Milimeter Camrea	1,000.00
1 Infant Manekin (CPR)	1,000.00
1 Pair Binoculars (Night Vision)	1,400.00
TOTAL	\$22,000.00

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Director

James Pearson, P.E., Town Engineer

Highway Division

John Long, Superintendent

Roy Costa, Foreman	Bob Loyd, Foreman
Marie Burns, Office	Gary Beaulieu, Operator
Kenneth Burroughs, Laborer	John Cronin, Driver
James Crotty, Driver	Robert Dearborn, Driver
Leslie Dukeshire, Laborer	John Ferreira, Lead Mech.
Lawrence Ferreira, Operator	Dennis Greenwood, Operator
Richard Jenson, Mech.	Walter McLaughlin, Operator
Arthur Newcomb, Operator	Raymond Mayberry, Driver
Joseph Eriksen, Driver	Audie Boudreau, Driver

Sewer Division

James Casparro, Insp.	Joseph Witts, Mechanic
Evelyn Newman, Dept. Ass't.	Jacqueline Sheehy, Pr. Clerk
Gail Loiselle, Clerk	Michael Vosnakis, Technician

Parks Division

Edward Jamros, Groundskeeper

Engineering Division

Anthony Ma, Asst. Town Engineer

Public Bldgs. Division

Robert Deletetsky, Supt.	Patrick Murtagh, Head Cust.
	Gerald Johnson, Cust.

Engineering Division

The Engineering Division this year spent much time assisting other departments with matters relating to drainage, layouts, trees, old plans, proposed plans, tax maps, etc. Five projects were submitted on behalf of the Town to the Conservation Commission. Among these were the clearing of all major culverts in order to minimize local flooding. The engineers also provided the plans and details for the refurbishing of the Hart Pond dam spillway in compliance with the directives of the State's Department of Environmental Management.

Highway Division

The Highway Division maintains and improves all the streets, culverts, catch basins and manholes, street signs, traffic signs and traffic signals for approximately 200 miles of roadway.

Streets Resurfaced

Brick Kiln Road	portions
Berkeley Drive	entire

Pine Hill Road	(Hunt to Chestnut Hill)
Overlook Drive	entire
Checkerberry Lane	entire
Dunstable Road	(Marquerite to Swain)
Mission Road	(Dunstable to town line)

Chestnut Hill Road from Pine Hill to Galloway Road was reconstructed this summer. This portion of the road had been in poor condition due to improper road foundation. A major culvert was replaced and all boulders and base materials were removed. Gravel was placed and compacted and finally the roadway was paved.

The division lost two of our more experienced and dedicated employees to retirement. We wish Equipment Operator Jim Soucier and Driver-Laborer Ernie Howland a happy and healthy retirement.

The division welcomed new employees, Ray Mayberry, Joe Eriksen and Audie Boudreau. The three new employees were put right to work on the refurbishing of the Hart Pond spillway. This included the uncovering and replacement of the wooden planks that serve as the outlet controls. Everyone involved in this project did an excellent job under most severe conditions.

December 12 saw a blizzard hit the area which dumped about 18 inches of snow on the Town. A state of emergency was declared while the highway crew scraped and sanded the roads for safe travel. The highway crew and the hired help did an outstanding job. It had been about 14 years since a storm of that magnitude had occurred.

Parks Division

Once again Groundskeeper Ed Jamros managed to keep ahead of schedule in maintaining the many "green areas" owned by the Town. During the wet, cool summer season when the grass growth never slowed down, Ed was assisted by Eric Newman who was hired as a summer employee.

Special thanks to the following "Adopt-a-Park" volunteers for their assistance: Dick Codling, Dick Burkinshaw, Keigh Schuster, Chelmsford Rotary, Valley Green Landscaping, Chelmsford Garden Club, Kevin Stott Landscaping, David O'Brien, Dun-Rite Landscaping, Laughton Nurseries and Community Tree Co.

Special projects started this year included the reconstruction of the bathroom facilities at the Varney Field recreation building.

Public Buildings

The Buildings Division staff maintain the Town Offices, Old Town Hall and the Police Station. Along with being the first ones in the building in the morning, they are also the last to leave and assure that the buildings are secured. In addition to normal custodial duties, minor maintenance tasks, such as fixing walls, mounting directory signs, repainting rooms and cleaning carpets are undertaken.

The buildings were also kept open during December's blizzard as the control center for the Civil Defense crew during the state of emergency. This task required long hours of snow clearing by the staff.

Sewer Division

The Sewer Division continues to expand its role and responsibilities as the new sewer construction expands into different areas of Town. The office staff keeps extremely busy preparing and processing the sewer betterment assessments, the Sewer Commission agendas, meeting minutes, contracts and general correspondence. Sewer User bills are another ever-changing and challenging task that is accomplished in the office. On-line billing customers have increased approximately 25% over the past year. Thanks go to the water districts for their cooperation with water meter readings and backflow prevention device testing.

The Sewer Division added a maintenance technician to assist with the operation of our eight sewer pumping stations. Mike Vosnakis joined our staff in December. His assistance will be critical as we soon expand to thirteen pumping stations.

Special thanks go to the Sewer Commission for their cooperation throughout the year.

Finally, I would like to thank all the employees of the Department of Public Works who, when asked, or when conditions dictate, will work together outside of their own particular job or expertise to solve a problem or respond to any emergency situation for the good of the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Pearson, P.E.
Director of Public Works

BOARD OF APPEALS

Members

Harold Organ, Jr.
Eileen M. Duffy
Gustave H. Fallgren
Daniel Burke
Robert L. Kydd
Ronald Paré, Alternate
Leonard Richards, Alternate
Karen Wharton, Alternate

1992 was another quiet year for the Board of Appeals. We received fewer applications for hearings due to the depressed economy.

The members of the board regret the resignation of long-time member Dan Burke. Dan was a diligent, conscientious member who during his many years as Chairman guided us through difficult decisions. His thorough knowledge of the By-Laws and Massachusetts General Laws 40A and 40B facilitated the decision process. He will be sorely missed.

Ron Paré, a prior alternate replaced Dan as a member of the Board.

It has been a pleasure serving as Chairman of the board and I appreciate the help of the Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, Sign Advisory, Conservation Commission and Planning Board for their cooperation during 1992.

Hearing Statistics:

	Total	Granted	Denied
Variances	39	32	7
Special Permits	23	22	1
Comprehensive Permits	2	2	
Total	64	56	8

Respectfully submitted,
Robert L. Kydd, Chairman

OFFICE OF THE DOG OFFICER

Report of the Dog Officer for 1992.

Citizen complaints answered	1241
Dogs picked up and taken to pound	90
Violation citations issued	10
Value of citation fines	\$375.00
Funds turned into town for boarding and other fees collected	\$755.00
Dead animals picked up from streets	324
Stray dogs disposed of	40
Dogs returned to owners	50
Miles traveled	12,565
1992 dogs licensed	2,794

VETERANS' SERVICES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and residents of the Town of Chelmsford, I am submitting the annual report of activities of this department as Veterans' Agent and Investigator for the year 1992.

Veterans' Benefits is a state mandated organization duly authorized under Chapter 115, MGL Section 1 through 5. Two valued services are provided. One pertains to assistance with Federal benefits under the Veterans' Administration, the other to financially aid and give assistance to qualified veterans and their dependents under Veterans' Benefits.

The Cash and Material Grant of \$76,000 from the Town of Chelmsford is reimbursed 75% by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. On the State level my case load varies between 20 and 28 families. On the Federal level, we had 51 cases, 26 active. Veterans' Administration expenditures for the Town were \$2,614,212.

Presently I serve as Sergeant at Arms in the Middlesex County Veterans' Agents Association, and I serve as a board member of the recently created Chelmsford Food Pantry.

One major goal for 1993 is to computerize the Veterans' Office.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Cody, Veterans' Agent

COUNCIL ON AGING

Director Martin J. Walsh
President Robert Clough
Vice President Wilbur Davis
Clerk Maureen Evans

Rose Arakelian	Robert Monaco
Martin Boormeester	Charles Pechulis
Mary Conti	Gene Raby
Lois Manty	Eleanore Woodward

FACTS ABOUT YOUR SENIOR CENTER:

- 1) Between 1500 and 2000 people pass through our doors each week
- 2) Our Congregate Lunch Program averages close to 200 people each day
- 3) Our Meals on Wheels Program provides 90

nutritious lunches to elderly shut-ins five times a week

- 4) Respite Care provides needed assistance to 20 caregiving families each week with over 225 units of service.
- 5) Through our Friendly Visitor Program and Outreach Worker we are able to visit over 50 homebound elders each week
- 6) Our new Adult Care Program provides essential and caring service for 14 needy older citizens three days a week
- 7) Approximately 550 trips are provided each month through the use of our COA Mini-Bus - with medical needs the first priority
- 8) Our relationship with the school system is excellent, and we work in partnership to provide numerous Intergenerational Programs
- 9) Our staff consists of:

Position	#of Hours	Funding Source
1. Director	37.5+	Town
2. Sr. Clerk	27.5	Town
3. Day Care Coordinator	28	Program Income
4. Respite Care Director	25	Chelm. (75%)/Westford (25%)
5. Bus Driver	40	Town/LRTA
6. Friendly Visitor Coord.	7	Title III Grant
7. Meals on Wheels Coord.	20	Formula Grant
8. Outreach Worker	20	"Friends"
9. Custodians (3)	20	"Friends"
10. Senior Aides (4)	20	Federal

- 10) Operational Costs: The approximate cost for the town to operate the Dept. of Elder Affairs is \$120,000.

During FY92 the Friends of the Senior Center, Inc., expended \$118,941.31 for the overall operation of the Center. For example(s):

Overhead Building Maintenance	\$27,000.00
Equipment	12,567.00
Outreach Program	10,000.00

This is clear evidence that the seniors of this town are committed through time, effort and money to make the Chelmsford Senior Center one of the finest in this Commonwealth.

FUTURE GOALS:

Goal #1: Fulfill the goals and objectives of the Senior Tax Rebate Program which will enable fifty

(50) Chelmsford residents with the opportunity to receive a \$500 rebate off their property taxes and the town will receive five thousand (5,000) hours of valuable experience and growth.

Goal #2: Expand our Social Day Care Program to four days of operation so that we reach even more residents. This program adds an important and compassionate service to our Senior Center.

Goal #3: Work with the School Dept. to develop and improve Intergenerational Programming. Get more seniors actively involved in: career counseling, oral history classes and tutorial assistance.

Goal #4: Establish a Telephone Reassurance Program for elderly shut-ins. Through the use of Title III (Federal), hire a coordinator to oversee and administrate this elderly phone service, which is a natural extension of our present Friendly Visitor Program. The objective is to reach isolated shut-ins.

Goal #5: Expand our Elderly Home Repair Service. Provide minor repair for elderly residents. At present we help one elderly person per week, and I would like to provide assistance for 5 per week. This program, though small, has been greatly appreciated by those in need.

CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE

Walter R. Hedlund, Chairman
Steve Chinetti James K. Gifford
Charles Marderosian

The Celebrations Committee this past year was most active, preparing and coordinating the 1992 Annual Fourth of July Celebration. Many thanks to the Chelmsford Lodge of Elks No. 2310 for their organizing and funding the Annual parade, the Chelmsford Lions Club for organizing and funding the Annual Country Fair, Chelmsford Art Society for the Arts Festival Fair, Chelmsford Community Band, Alpine Squares Dancing Club of Chelmsford and all various volunteers from organizations in Chelmsford who participated to make the 25th Annual Celebration a huge success.

Special thanks to the many volunteer hours provided by the members of the Chelmsford Auxiliary Police and their Explorers Troop.

We thank the efforts of the Public Works & Parks,

Fire and Police Departments and their personnel for their assistance during the days of the Celebration.

The Town Celebrations Committee is now in the process of planning for the 1993 Annual Fourth of July Celebration.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter R. Hedlund
Chairman

COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

The Chelmsford Commission on Disabilities (formerly the Chelmsford Commission on Handicapped Affairs) is a seven member board. In 1992 those members are Chairman Ralph Hickey, Vice Chairman Bruce Knowles, Treasurer Paul Logan, and Secretary Cathy Favreau. Other members are Terry Eldridge, Carol Miller, and Mary St. Hilaire.

In 1992 the Commission sponsored a Community Access Training seminar, a regional disability commission meeting, and an Americans with Disabilities Act seminar. In addition, the Commission found housing for three disabled persons, updated their bylaws, created and distributed a resource brochure, and is working on passing legislation to increase the town's handicap parking fine.

The Commission was also actively involved in insuring that all new construction of public places as well as all recently remodeled businesses comply with the State's Architectural Access laws. The Commission began 1992 with 8 outstanding access complaints. In addition, 11 new access complaints were logged in 1992. Of these 19 complaints, 7 were resolved, 4 had partial improvement, and 8 remain unresolved. The average duration for complaint resolution was 6 months.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Members	Term Expires
Susan E. Carter, Chairman	1993
Christopher Garrahan, Clerk	1994
Dr. John Droscher	1993
W. Robert Greenwood	1994
David J. McLachlan	1995
Lynn LeMaire	1995
Cheryl Deschaise	1995
Marjorie Hennessy, Secretary (retiring Jan, 1993)	

The Conservation Commission's primary purpose is to administer the General Wetlands By-law of the Town and the Wetlands Protection Act of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. These By-laws control activities deemed to have significant effect upon the

Wetlands, which in turn influence public and private water supplies, flood control, water pollution, fisheries and wildlife.

1992 brought a year of change to the Commission. Jim McBride and Karen Flynn both requested not to be reappointed to the Commission. In addition, the Town of Chelmsford's beaver problems became the focus of public debate as to the long term solution for those homeowners suffering from flooding and beaver damage.

The Commission held two public informational meetings with the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife in attendance. As a result of those meetings 17 problem sites were evaluated and "dam break" permits were issued for some. Two "beaver pipes" have been installed in Town.

The Commission has also begun to focus on the maintenance of the six reservations under the Commission's control. All six reservations were walked and the Commission is focusing on one to two reservations a year for overhauls, such as new signs, marking trails and general cleanup.

The Commission voted to dedicate the Crooked Spring Reservation to Margaret Mills in June, 1993. Mrs. Mills was one of the early Commission members and was instrumental in obtaining funding to purchase Conservation Lands.

The Commission meets regularly on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, with Site Walks on the Saturday before or after meetings. In 1992 32 Public Hearings were held in which 13 Orders of Conditions were issued instructing the applicant on how to undertake work within 100 feet of Wetlands in order to minimize any possible negative effect on the Wetlands. In addition, another 23 Public Hearings were held for Determination of Applicability to the Wetlands By-laws. Eighteen negative determinations were issued indicating that the work planned had no impact on the Wetlands and five positive determinations were indicating that Wetlands By-laws would apply.

As the Town continues to grow and environmental issues take on greater importance in how they impact the quality of life in our community, citizen involvement in advising the Commission when damage to the Wetlands starts to occur will assist the Commission in protecting the assets of the Wetlands. We also wish to thank those individuals who have worked with the Commission early in their development plans so that proper planning and execution of development can occur.

After 12 and 8 years on the Commission respectively, Jim McBride and Karen Flynn did not seek reappointment. The Commission wishes to thank Jim

and Karen for their dedication and hard work.

CHELMSFORD CULTURAL COUNCIL

Members

Joyce D. McKenzie, Chairperson
Pat Fitzpatrick, Vice Chairperson
Jeff Brem, Treasurer
Margrit Mason, Secretary
Karen Leonard
Edie Copenhaver
Jean McCaffery
Kit Harbison
Elaine Consalvo

Meetings: 1st Monday of the month

Twice a month during Arts Lottery reviews

The principal function of the Chelmsford Cultural Council is to administer funds allocated to the Town of Chelmsford by the Mass. Cultural Council. Funds are generated from lottery monies. Grant applications are available to non-profit cultural organizations for projects benefiting the Chelmsford community.

In 1992, 12 grant proposals were either partially or fully funded, ranging from concerts, theatre productions and a multi-cultural dance program to the highly successful community Arts Fair. In addition, the Chelmsford school system benefited from 13 P.A.S.S. (Performing Arts Students' Series) grants. Initiated in Nov. 1986, this program provides funds for school-aged children (K-12) to attend performing arts events.

The Council is involved with the functioning of the Old Town Hall Cultural Center. Town-based organizations are encouraged to use the hall for special events or for regular rehearsals and meetings.

Accomplishments this year include: The dedication of the sound system at the Old Town Hall Cultural Center; attendance at the Mass. Cultural Council workshop for revising new State guidelines; culmination of 18 mos. planning the community Arts Fair held on Oct. 3rd on the Common. The Fair showcased local arts' groups in a collaboration with civic, historical and school-based organizations to provide the community with a clearer understanding of local cultural efforts. The resignations of Sandra Stewich and Deborah Sady were regretfully accepted.

New member, Kit Harbison, was welcomed.

Future projects include: Community Input meeting, Spring 1993; Performing Arts Series and Competition 1993-94.

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Walter R. Hedlund
Emergency Coordinator

John Abbott George R. Dixon
Depty. Charles S. Galloway

The Chelmsford Emergency Management Agency (Civil Defense) has once again very active this past year, with a State of Emergency being declared by Town, State and Federal Governments, due to the Winter Storm of '92 on December 12, 1992, many volunteer hours were spent by CEMA personnel at the Emergency Operating Center at the Town Offices during the three days of heavy storm storms. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Mass. Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) will be conducting surveys of the various damages and overtime costs during the Town State of Emergency to be eligible for Federal and State Funds. the CEMA volunteers meet the 2nd Thursday of each month, preparing various reports for Federal and State Emergency Agencies. The Emergency Coordinator and members have spent many volunteer hours this past year at seminars of Natural Disasters and Hazardous Materials sponsored by FEMA and MEMA Agencies. The CEMA personnel wish to thank the Town Manager the Board of Selectmen, all Town Department Heads and their personnel for the outstanding cooperation received during our most trying year.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter R. Hedlund
Emergency Coordinator

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Members: Martha Sanders, Chairman
John Goodwin
Torrie Gullion
Jeff Stallard
Clerk: Katherine Leslie

Meetings: Third Wednesday of each month at the 1802 Schoolhouse except November through March at the Town Hall. The Commission is made up of seven appointed members.

During the past year the Historical Commission delivered twelve house signs displaying the original owner/builder and the approximate year of construction. The concentration of effort by the Commission has been in the North Chelmsford Vinal Square area

for the inventories of historic properties that are required by the Massachusetts Historical Commission and also the sign program. Many more properties in North Chelmsford and in Chelmsford Center are scheduled for house signs.

The Commission is also preparing an application for the National Register of Historic Places for the Stoney Brook railroad bridge in North Chelmsford off Middlesex Street. This stone arch bridge is the only remaining bridge of its design from the 1850's.

The Commission is currently seeking new members interested in researching the architecture of local construction and who are interested in preserving and protecting the heritage of the Town of Chelmsford.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Members: Charles Buuck, Chairman
Stephen Stowell, Vice Chairman
Harold Linnerud
Harold Davis
Robert LaPorte

Alternates: Paul Canniff
Bruce Foucar

Clerk: Mary Caffelle

The H.D.C. functions as a regularity commission for the benefit of the town. A small area of the town's center section is under the H.D.C.'s authority. Our objective is to provide a reasonably expedient application and review process relative to physical modifications to the residences and businesses within the district. Regular meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at the 1802 Schoolhouse.

During the past year, the H.D.C. has accepted 16 applications for review. Public hearings were deemed necessary for 4 of these applications. It was determined that the remaining 12 had minimal effect with regard to preservation within the District. These 16 applications resulted in issuance of 13 Certificates of Appropriateness and 3 Certificates of Non-Applicability. No applications were denied in 1992. Major accomplishments include substantial and appropriate completion of the Sargent property and the Krasnecki property.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles T. Buuck
Chairman

HOLIDAY DECORATING COMMITTEE

Committee Members

Donna A. Johnson, Chairman	Carolee Hill
Ellen Donovan, Treasurer	Jacqueline Wunschel
Linda Emerson	Carrie Bacon
Jean Kydd	Marie Massota
Dawn Siphon	Dennis Ready
Patricia Saber	

Departmental Mission Statement

The Holiday Decorating Committee is a group of volunteers who meet when requested by its chairman to discuss, arrange and implement the Holiday Lighting Ceremony on Chelmsford Common usually the first weekend in December. The Committee, with the help of several interested individuals and groups, physically put up and take down all the tree lights. In addition the Committee organizes "Santa's" visit and this year arranged for a hayride available for all who attended the ceremony on the Common. The Committee, for the past two years, has also worked with the center business district to sponsor a Holiday Prelude for benefit of the citizens of Chelmsford and their families. All of this has been free to the public.

Budget

Three years ago the Holiday Decorating Committee went town wide to ask for donations to the Committee since the Town of Chelmsford has no extra money to fund this event. We have asked for no money from the town, or received any to date. We have a bank account with the Shawmut (#500993183) with a balance as of February 1993, of \$2276.00.

Goals

Our goal for the 1993 Lighting Ceremony will be to do much the same as this year. The hayride was very well attended (about 400 people) and the Prelude through the businesses in the Center was much appreciated by the business community as well as the participants. The number of people actually visiting the stores greatly increased over last year as reported by all of the businesses involved. We had additional lighting in the Center by buying miniature lights and putting them on the trees (we owe Walter Kelvin and Mass. Electric a tremendous thanks). We plan to purchase more of these lights as the Committee felt the number we have now appeared rather sparse.

Budget Comments

This year the Committee received no donations and had expenditures of \$971.39. The Committee is in the process of requesting the Chelmsford Business

Association consider us for a partial funding to help pay for the hayride. We would like to keep this event "free to the public" as we feel this event should not require payment which could restrict the ability of some residents to enjoy the event.

The Committee would like to request that the Town consider a possible payment to cover electric charges if it is within the budget possibilities as all volunteers give freely to the Town of their time and efforts for the entire Chelmsford populous to enjoy.

MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

The Town of Chelmsford is a member of the Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project (CMMCP). This regional project covers twenty-six (26) cities and towns throughout parts of Worcester and Middlesex counties.

Mosquito populations are monitored and controlled by using an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach which makes use of a complete spectrum of techniques including: surveillance, the elimination of standing water that breeds mosquitoes, chemicals, and biological techniques.

During 1992 we enhanced our surveillance program by adding rain gauges at all of our mosquito trap locations. This information is valuable when assessing the impact precipitation has on mosquito populations. By monitoring local precipitation levels we will be able to more accurately predict when pre-emergence control procedures can be implemented.

As part of our public education program we have had a production company make a video of the project and our activities. This video "Working For You" depicts the various components of our program that comprise our IPM approach to modern mosquito control. During the next several months we will be distributing copies of this video to city and town officials and will make the video available to any interested citizens as well as the local cable television stations.

We invite each of you to visit our Northborough headquarters.

Project staff are available to give presentations to town officials, civic organizations and school children.

Thank you for your past support and we look forward to serving you in 1993.

PERSONNEL BOARD

Members

Will Perry, Chairman
Angela Cosgrove
Joe Dyer
Peg Fudge
James Sousa

Personnel Coordinator

Mary Mahan

The Personnel Board meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the Town Offices. Special work sessions are scheduled when necessary.

The Personnel Board consists of five members (four appointed by the Town Manager and one elected by non-union employees).

The Personnel Board developed a Job Evaluation system this year, which is being used to write job descriptions and formulate a classification plan. The Board also expects to complete a coordinating compensation plan. The Board plans to develop an employee performance appraisal system in addition to management communication and training programs in the upcoming year.

In its role the Personnel Board supports fair, equitable personnel practices affecting current Town employees and it perpetuates Chelmsford's reputation for attracting highly skilled and motivated employees.

CHELMSFORD RECREATION COMMISSION

Members

Michael Ablove	Chairman
Robert Hayes	Vice Chairman
Robert Charpentier	
Paul Murphy	
Evelyn Newman	
Jeff Stallard	
Ron Zylich	
Lorraine Murphy	Clerk

Like all Town Departments, Recreation again was challenged by the budget crunch. Our goal to maintain our summer programs on a self-supporting basis in 1992 was realized.

The Commission hired a very competent staff, with Ed Keefe returning as the summer director. Ed supervised an excellent program and included two

successful new projects: a baseball camp and a day trip to Water Country.

Program fees remained the same in 1992, as they have in 1991 and 1990. As a result, registration for our summer programs were slightly higher than 1991, and enabled the summer program to remain self-supporting. The only area that is not self-supporting is the free swim at Freeman Lake. It is necessary to have two guards present 7 days a week throughout the summer.

Our summer programs included swimming lessons, a water adjustment program for 3 and 4 year olds, tennis lessons, track and field, basketball and volleyball camps, and a very successful day camp at Varney playground. An advanced tennis program for teenagers depends on the number of registrations. A new camp was established for baseball. Recreation again sponsored many other not-for-profit sports camps, including field hockey, wrestling, football, girls' basketball, youth and high school age soccer. This coming summer a juggling camp offered by Brian Veth will be introduced.

A 3-on-3 basketball tournament was completed, as well as the previously mentioned trip to Water Country. In 1993 we hope to introduce family trips to Canobie Lake Park and a Boston Red Sox. game. Registration for all of our summer programs can be done at our Annual Activities Fair, held in June. The cost of the Activities Fair is absorbed by a grant from CADAC (Community Alcohol and Drug Awareness Committee).

The Fourth of July Pre-Parade Race was another successful project for 1992. Thanks to continued financial support from Sully's Ice Cream, personnel supplied by The Courthouse, and help from a few local runners we were able to preserve a long standing Chelmsford tradition.

Our workrecreation volunteer program was again implemented in 1992 and was again very helpful. These young volunteers helped in beach maintenance, checking residency at the beach, and also helped with children in the day camp. They did a great job and should be commended for their dedication.

Early this winter, the Recreation Commission began its initial winter program with a six week ski school at Nashoba Valley. Over 100 Chelmsford youngsters in grades 3 through 8 participated in this very successful after-school activity. Bob Hayes was responsible for the development, organization and implementation of the program. Bob Charpentier volunteered his time to handle the printing of the registration and information.

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) is comprised of:

Barbara Scavezze, Chairperson
Allen Beebe
Catherine Brown
Kathryn Chamberlain
Norman Eisenmann
Robert McCallum

The SWAC major accomplishments during the past year include:

- Aided in the development and initiation of a three-year solid waste and recycling contract with Waste Management for all residents of Chelmsford, including senior housing complexes and multi-family complexes which had previously been excluded.
- Aided in initiation of a paper recycling program in all Town offices this year.
- Instituted a backyard compost project for residents.
- Aided in initiation of metal and glass recycling at all schools.
- Produced and mailed several informational flyers to all residents communicating the proper methods, timing, and places for disposal of various types of recyclable material and solid waste.
- On a weekly basis, prepared articles for a local newspaper to maintain our on-going emphasis on recycling and solid waste reeducation programs.
- Produced informational announcements for Cable 43.
- Continued to staff (along with other volunteers) the bimonthly Styrofoam drop-off.
- Continued to work with other towns on pooling of information and resources.

The SWAC goals for the next year include:

- Institute a drop-off for yard waste to comply

with state bans.

- Increase participation in the recycling program to reduce the trash disposal costs.
- Institute white paper recycling in all schools.
- Start a bimonthly drop-off of metal items to reduce our trash disposal costs.
- Continue to keep the residents informed of solid waste and recycling issues by weekly articles, Cable 43 announcements, and informational flyers.
- Continue the Styrofoam drop-off.

REPORT OF THE VETERANS' EMERGENCY FUND

During the year of 1992 there were no applications received for assistance from Veterans of World War II.

The funds on deposit in local banks earned interest and the total of funds now has reached \$17,848.87.

In the past information for assistance has come to the committee members from the Veterans' Benefits Department.

Assistance is given in the form of payments to vendors for Fuel, Light, Clothing and Medical needs. Also rent and food payments have been granted. The committee has not approved the payment of cash grants.

One member of the committee, Mr. Russell E. Butterfield, resigned due to ill health and because he is no longer a resident of Chelmsford. We do want to thank him for his past assistance and for his willingness to serve on the committee for a number of years.

Present members; one from each voting precinct, are listed as follows:

Precinct 1: Steven E.C. Belkakis, DDS
Precinct 2: Carl Lebedzinski
Precinct 3: James J. Walker
Precinct 4: John J. McNulty
Precinct 5: George F. Waite
Precinct 6: Alfred H. Coburn
Precinct 7: Robert T. Clough
Precinct 8: Thomas F. Balfrey

Precinct 9: Lloyd C. Greene, Jr.

The committee members extend their appreciation to the various town officers who have assisted the committee in the past.

VETERANS' EMERGENCY FUND

Treasurer's Report to the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager

December 1, 1991 through December 31, 1992

Balance on Hand as of November 30, 1991	\$16,644.86
Add Receipts:	
The MassBank for Savings, Reading, Mass.	
Interest	285.06
The MassBank for Savings, Reading, Mass.	
Interest	349.36
The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank, Lowell, Mass.	
Interest	569.59
Total Interest Received:	1,204.01
Add Transfer:	
From Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank to	
MassBank for Savings	7,557.97
Total of Balance on Hand as of November 30, 1991	-
and Interest Received and Transfer	25,406.84
Deduct Disbursements:	
Transfer to MassBank for Savings from Lowell	
Five Cent Savings Bank	7,557.97
Balance on Hand as of December 31, 1992	<u>\$17,848.87</u>

ASSETS

MassBank for Savings Account No. 91-128790-0	12,381.71
MassBank for Savings Account No. 2055696	5,467.16
Total Assets	<u>\$17,848.87</u>

LIABILITIES

Less Liabilities	None
Total Assets less Liabilities as of December 31, 1992	<u>\$17,848.87</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Town of Chelmsford
Veterans' Emergency Fund Committee

Alfred H. Coburn, Treasurer

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER
TOWN OFFICES
50 BILLERICA ROAD
CHELMSFORD, MA 01824-2777

CITIZENS ACTIVITY RECORD

“GOOD GOVERNMENT STARTS WITH YOU”

If you are interested in serving on an appointed town committee, please fill out this form and mail to: Town Manager, Town Offices, 50 Billerica Road, Chelmsford, MA 01824. The filling out of this form in no way assures appointment. All committee vacancies will be filled by citizens deemed most qualified to serve in a particular capacity.

NAME.....HOME PHONE.....BUSINESS PHONE.....

ADDRESS.....AMOUNT OF TIME AVAILABLE.....

INTEREST IN WHAT TOWN COMMITTEES

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PRESENT BUSINESS AFFILIATION AND WORK

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BUSINESS EXPERIENCE.....

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EDUCATION OR SPECIAL TRAINING.....

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DATE APPOINTED	TOWN OFFICES HELD	TERM
EXPIRED		

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REMARKS

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"Disabled individuals requiring auxiliary aides to fully benefit from the Town of Chelmsford's programs should contact Mary Mahan at 250-5201. It is necessary to give the request at least one week in advance."

TOWN DIRECTORY

Accounting.....	250-5215
Assessors	250-5220
Board of Appeals.....	250-5247
(12:30-4:30 p.m.)	
Building Inspector	250-5225
(Yard Sales, Kennel & Bldg. Permits)	
Cemetery	250-5245
Community Teamwork.....	459-0551
Conservation Commission.....	250-5247
(12:30-4:30 pm)	
Council on Aging	251-0533
Dog Officer	256-0754
Fire Department.....	256-2541
All Other Fire Business.....	250-5265
Gas Inspector	250-5225
Health Department.....	250-5241
Highway Department.....	250-5270
Garage	250-5271
High School	251-8729
Housing Authority.....	256-7425
Libraries: Adams.....	256-5521
McKay.....	251-3212
Mass. Electric Co.	683-9511
Planning Board Clerk	250-5231
Plumbing Inspector.....	250-5225
Police Department	256-2521
Post Office (Center)	256-2361
Recreation Commission	250-5262
(8:30 am-12:30 pm)	
Registry of Deeds (Lowell)	458-8474
Registry of Motor Vehicles	459-9397
School Administration.....	251-4981
Selectmen	250-5201
Sewer Commission	250-5233
Supt. of Public Bldgs.....	250-5249
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Town Clerk	250-5205
Town Engineer	250-5228
Treasurer/Tax Collector	250-5210
Veterans' Agent	251-0123
Water Dept.	256-2381
Welfare, Lowell.....	454-8061
Wiring Inspector.....	250-5225
24-hr. Juror Hotline.....	1-800-792-5117

POLL LOCATIONS FOR ELECTIONS

Precinct 1: Town Offices Gym
Precinct 2: Harrington School Gym
Precinct 3: Harrington School Gym
Precinct 4: Westlands School
Precinct 5: Byam School Cafetorium
Precinct 6: Westlands School
Precinct 7: McCarthy Middle School
Precinct 8: McCarthy Middle School
Precinct 9: Town Offices Gym

U.S. Senator Edward M. Kennedy
JFK Federal Bldg. Boston, MA 02202
431 Russell Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
1 202-224-4543

U.S. Senator John F. Kerry
10 Park Plaza
Boston, MA 02116
362 Russell Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Congressman Martin T. Meehan
1429 Longworth House Bldg.
Washington, DC 20515
508-459-0101 (Lowell) Office

State Representative Carol Clevon
Room 36 State House
Boston, MA 02133
617-722-2552
Home: 4 Arbutus Avenue
Chelmsford, MA
508-256-5043

State Senator Lucile C. Hicks
Room 413G - State House
Boston, MA 02133
617-722-1572

Middlesex County Commission
Superior Courthouse
East Cambridge, MA 02141
494-4100